Marion Anne Smith (Fines) 1943 – 2017

We sadly announce that Marion Smith of Hay River, Northwest Territories passed away peacefully on August 3, 2017 at the age of 74. Marion was predeceased by her husband Harvey in 2011. Survived by daughters Melanie Carter (Shawn) and Heather Bassett (Norm); son Glenn Smith (Kelsey Gill); sisters Elizabeth Russell (Ron) and Helen Pearson (Ken); and grandchildren Dylan, Marisa, Emerson, and Lennon. Marion was born on May 31, 1943 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She grew up and attended school in Balmoral and Stonewall and completed her teaching degree at the University of Manitoba. Marion married Harvey in 1965 and they started their life together in Churchill, Manitoba until 1966. They then resided in Pine Falls, Prince Albert, Hinton, Uranium City, and finally Hay River in 1981. Here she was able to solidify a long career as a teacher and primary school educator for multiple generations of families. She was an avid reader and advocate of literacy. She took great pride in her gardening and adored her grandchildren and pets.

Many thanks to the staff at the Hay River Hospital for their kindness and compassion. A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE will take place through an outdoor ceremony at Shawn Carter’s home at 108 Miron Drive, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017 at 2:30pm. Marion will be laid to rest with Harvey at their family plot in Victoria Cemetery, Balmoral, Manitoba. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hay River Animal Shelter or the Hay River Hospital Foundation.

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” – Winnie the Pooh