



Patricia Healy

January 14, 1939 - April 25, 2023

After over 50 years in the North, Pat passed peacefully in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories at 84 years old. Patricia was born in London, England and was raised during WWII. She was the first born of four and carried a heavy load after her father's passing when she was twelve. At an early age, her Mum Daisy set a good example of hard work and family first. This is likely where she began to value the accumulation of goods and was subsequently prepared for the pandemic of 2020.

She began a long career of nursing through her training at St Richards Hospital in Chichester, England and her midwifery training at Oxford. Her nursing career would take her all over the world and began with a two-hundred-dollar sign on bonus in Queensland, Australia with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. She would later volunteer at a leper colony in Africa and was eventually scouted as a midwife practicing in Northern Canada. Pat would meet her future husband Chris in Mount Isa, Australia where they enjoyed dances at the miner's rec hall with an occasional rum and coke (more frequent for Chris). They eventually landed in Inuvik in the 70's where she would practice old school nursing. When opportunity struck, they relocated to Yellowknife and Pat would soon become the head nurse at the old Stanton Hospital where she made many nursing friends. They would go on to raise their three children first on Trails End, onto 54th street, and finally Ptarmigan Road. During their time in Yellowknife, Pat and Chris ensured their children remained close with relations, especially Grandma Daisy, through travels to England and Ireland. Patricia continued her practice at the Gibson Medical Clinic and eventually finished her career at Worker's Safety and Compensation Commission (WSSC). Pat's WSSC co-workers adored her, often looking to her for motherly guidance and life advice. Pat's parting retirement gift was the namesake of the clinic - Patricia Healy Medical Clinic.

She spoke so frequently and fondly of family and friends from home and was able to return back to England and Australia in retirement. Pat's true retirement gift was the special bond with her grandchildren Aidan, Declan and Conall, where her accumulation of goods would once again pay off. Lovingly remembered and forever missed by her family in Yellowknife including daughters Siobhain (JP), Kylie, her son Damien (Lynda) and her grandchildren Aidan, Declan and Conall; sister in Australia, Susan (Michael), sister and brother in England Janet (Peter), Brian (Kathy), many nieces and nephews in England, Australia and Ireland; and all of her numerous friends acquired in the North.

She is predeceased by Chris Healy in 2021.

Pat's family would like to extend overwhelming gratitude to all of the wonderful nurses and personal support workers at Yellowknife Homecare for the years of assistance. To Dr. Mansouri, Dr Leitch and Dr Thompson for their continuous care, and to friends that continually visited through her retirement.

A visitation will be held at the Bakers Community Centre May 4, 2023 from 3-6pm for all of Pat's friends. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Pat's honour to the Canadian Cancer Society (<https://cancer.ca/en/>) or to Food Rescue Yellowknife (<https://foodrescueyellowknife.ca/>).