



# Emilia (Mercredi) Gratrix

April 1, 1917 -  
January 14, 2005

On Friday, January 14, 2005, Emilia Gratrix of Fort Smith, NWT, slipped peacefully away at the age of 87 years. She was dearly loved and will be sadly missed and wonderfully remembered by sons Tony Whitford, Richard (Betty) Whitford; Norman (Jackie) Whitford and Marc (Linda) Whitford; step-son Ron Gratrix; grandchildren Richard, Robert, Vanessa and Delores Kaduk; Belinda, Judy and Richard Whitford; Rusty, Nicole, Anthony, Nicholas and Tristan Whitford; Byron, Amber and Jon Whitford; great-grandchildren Brandon, Austin, Madison, Marc, Chad and Jessica; brother Rene and sisters Seraphine (John James) Evans and Marie; as well as a host of extended family and friends across the Northwest Territories and throughout Canada.

Emilia was predeceased by her loving husband John Gratrix; step-son Lawrence Gratrix; son Joseph "Dewey" Mercredi; daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Leo Kaduk; daughter-in-law Elaine (Tony) Whitford; parents Pierre Isidore Mercredi and Laiza Louise Beaudry-Tourangeau; sister Leonie (Phillip) Kennedy, and brothers Eugene and Cyril Mercredi.

At her request, Emilia was cremated following a memorial service at the Millbourne Alliance Church in Edmonton, Alberta. The Community of Fort Smith celebrated her life in a special gathering at the Roaring Rapids Hall on Friday, January 28, 2005.

Thank you to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers, with a special thank you to her caregivers at the Health Centre and Northern Lights in Fort Smith - we could not have asked for better!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - Yellowknife Office, Box 1504, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, X1A 2P2.

