

# Eva Henderson

**Celebration of life will be held at Northern United Place Auditorium on July 20, 2022, at 10:30 am with an open house at 114 Knutsen Avenue at Noon. Free Peace by Chocolate Bars and Free Ice Cream for all at the open house.**

On January 17, 2022, a great shift in the universe occurred as the Gates of Paradise opened to welcome Eva Margaret Henderson (nee Maitland) to join with her parents Anne Jane Maitland (nee Robb), George Maitland, her brother Doug Maitland, her husband Eric Henderson, and grandson Timothy Henderson.

Eva began her life of service on July 20, 1925 on a farmstead in Edmonton Alberta. She always had a cheery disposition and a welcoming smile and took the time to listen and give her full attention. Her innate gift was to fully attend to every individual she encountered. Eva always knew she would be a nurse and after completing the training at the Edmonton General Hospital first registered in Alberta in 1948. She took a break from nursing to marry, Eric Henderson, and have a family. She returned to her nursing in 1970 this time serving the people of the North in Churchill Manitoba, Fort Smith and then Yellowknife. She was an honorary lifetime member of the NWT Nursing Association, worked at the Stanton Cottage Hospital and Stanton Legacy hospital, and helped with the foundation of the Homecare Services in Yellowknife. A true northern nurse, Eva managed to see much of the North doing escort duty.

Eva blessed a multitude of people through her life with her gift of hospitality. She and Eric had Henderson Bed and Breakfast in Yellowknife from 1985 to 2014. Our kitchen table was like a mini United Nations with folk from all over the world sitting around enjoying Eva's cooking and Eric's stories. Her motto for the bed and breakfast was "come as guests, leave as friends. Her correspondence list would grow as she kept in touch with her ever expanding family.

Since she did not have to care for Eric, Eva became much more carefree and would spontaneously say she wanted to go for a Grande Adventure... Well dearest Eva... your greatest adventure has begun.

A Palliative Care Nursing Bursary has been established with the Yellowknife Community Foundation and is available for donations.

