

Betty Natsialuk Hughson



It is with great sadness that we announce Betty Natsialuk Hughson's passing on February 7, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Baker Lake, Nunavut. Betty Natsialuk will be deeply missed by her husband Michael, her children Paula (Eric) and Erik (Charlotte), and her grandchildren Magnus, Laura, Nicholas, and Robert.

She worked for many years at the Northern Medical Unit at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg as an Inuit Interpreter. She really enjoyed working there helping Inuit patients talk with the doctors, and explaining their treatment plans. Many times she would be called out in the middle of the night, 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning to help a patient. She thought nothing of jumping in a taxi, and taking off downtown if a patient needed her at that time.

When we moved back to Baker Lake, Nunavut, she started working for the Prenatal Nutrition Project. She also enjoyed that work as she felt the young mothers gained some knowledge of how to cook nutritious meals for their families. She felt she was making a difference, and helping the overall health of the community.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Betty over the last year and a half. She really appreciated your prayers, kind thoughts, and visits.

A special thank you to Dr. Whittle and his Health Centre Team, especially Lola, Robyn, Gretchen, and Jennifer. When Betty decided that she wanted to be at home here in Baker Lake for her care, the team provided the support that helped us manage her situation. Thank you all very much.

Betty's funeral service took place on February 9, 2013, at the Anglican Church in Baker Lake, with interment at the Baker Lake Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to Cancer Care Manitoba, or the Baker Lake Prenatal Nutrition Project, P.O. Box 374, Baker Lake, Nunavut, X0C 0A0.