



Helen Ruth (Lambert) Kinnison

9 July 1934 - 3 June 2022

Helen Ruth (Lambert) Kinnison was born on the 9th July 1934 in North Star, Alberta to Jack and Ruth (Parker) Lambert. She passed away at home in Hay River on the 3rd of June 2022.

Graduating from Fairview College in 1952, she moved to Hay River with her family in 1956. She has lived in Hay River, Inuvik, Yellowknife, Buffalo River, and Fort Liard. In the early days, she worked for Don Wright Hardware and was one of the NWT's first telephone operators, going on to become the Chief Operator in Hay River until 1970. Over the years she also worked for the CNR in Hay River, Homecare and the Federal Government in Yellowknife and Renewable Resources in Fort Liard. She is well known for her love of birds and nature, beautiful cross stitching, macrame, and the dream catcher and fish vertebrae & crystal jewellery she created.

Helen was predeceased by her parents Jack and Ruth Lambert, her husband Harley Kinnison; her sister Dorothy (Lambert) Henderson; brother-in-law Earl Lehman; and her beloved Toya. She leaves behind her companion Hugh McLeod, daughter Linda (Marc) Whitford and son Laine (Betty) Schofield; Grandchildren Byron (Jill), Amber (Kyle) and Jon Whitford; Allan (Bree) & Robert (Ellen) Schofield and Candace (John) Friesen; Great Grandchildren Alexander, Maebyn, Matthew, Keira, Ryelle, Jaida, Sterling, Grayer, Roslyn, Clyde, Heath, Phoenix, Harley, Sable, Waylon, Otis, and Clay; Brothers Charlie (Gail), Ivan (Agnes); and Calvin (Carrie) Lambert; Sisters Gail (Norman) Krause and Thelma Lehman; brother-in-law Gerald Henderson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

She leaves us with the following message:

“When I finally make up my mind to change my address, don't think of me as gone, only moved on. I could never love you less, I will always love you more.”

On behalf of the family, thank you to the Hay River Homecare Team for their support and care over the years.