



Mae Sigvaldason

(nee Mary Sosnowski)

Mae Sigvaldason (nee Mary Sosnowski), died peacefully in Ottawa on Tuesday August 31, 2021 at the age of 88. Predeceased by her beloved husband of 61 years, Jack (Sig) Sigvaldason, parents Michael and Annie Sosnowski, brothers Lawrence, Alex, Charlie, sister Olga Laramée and daughter-in-law April Raye.

Mae was born and grew up in Winnipegosis Manitoba and moved to Winnipeg as a young woman to further her education. There she met and married Sig and had had her two children, John and Karen. In 1969 the family moved to Yellowknife, where Mae worked for many years at the Resident Geologist's Office. As Office Manager Mae kept everything working smoothly and served as surrogate Mum for many budding geologists, including a number of young women geologists and students who were experiencing the North for the first time.

After her retirement, Mae continued her passion for learning and travel. For many years she and Sig went to Hawaii for the winter months, and she became an expert in the geology, geography and culture of the Islands. Mae also shared her love travel with her daughter Karen, and they enjoyed trips to Mexico, Spain, Peru, Australia, and England. Mae was a devoted Grandma, spending time with her grand-daughters, Mayusha and Megan, was one of her greatest joys.

Mom was the heart of our family, a warm, calm, loving presence in all of our lives. While diminutive in stature, she was always able to hold her own, our gentle tower of strength. We all fondly remember her sly sense of humour, and her ability to control all of us with just "the look". She is lovingly remembered by John and Karen (Norman Ball) and her grandchildren Mayusha Aubin and Megan Aubin (Joey Gaskell). The family is deeply grateful to Serwaa for her many years of loving care and friendship which enriched Mom's latter years, and to Tess for her loving care of Mom in her last year. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the caring staff of Ottawa Grace Manor.

