



Carolyn Lenore McCabe

October 31, 1939 - April 28, 2008

A PASSING OF ANOTHER LIFE as must happen on the planet of Earth for everyone, Carolyn was born in Nova Scotia, October 31, 1939, and always proud of that fact, a "Bluenoser", born in a CNR railway station/house where her father was the station agent - Nappan Station (just outside of Amherst). The family moved to Moncton, New Brunswick, two years later and that is where she spent her life until 1959. Those years were good and she had a wonderful family, her parents: Verna and Archie McCabe (deceased), her brothers, Stanton (deceased) and Colin, and great family in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and on her dad's side, Ontario.

She then began a journey across the country, to Winnipeg to live with her brother Stan and his wife, Edna (deceased), and then with a friend from Moncton, Jacqueline Bradley. She move to Vancouver in 1963 and enjoyed good jobs and good friends until 1969. Job situations changed and she applied and was accepted for a job with the Government of the Northwest Territories and arrived in Yellowknife on November 16, 1969.

After spending one year in the Department of Personnel she moved to the Department of the Executive working for Commissioner Stuart Hodgson, government leaders, and members of the Cabinet until 1996 and working in various areas, Status of Women, Metric Conversion, Federal/Territorial Committees. However, in 1980, she was assigned to liaise with the Legislative Assembly on behalf of the Executive and worked closely with the staff of the Assembly, Binx Remnant, David Hamilton, and many, many staff through the years but especially with the Interpreter/Translation Corps (Inuit and Dene) and developed friendships and ties which never disappeared. After retirement (heart attack and downsizing) she entered a life of not too much activity. Four years of retirement were spent volunteering with the Adult Education class of the Tree of Peace helping with literacy and GED preparations and a year or two as the final editor on the Hansard of the Legislative Assembly through contract with Office Compliments (Liz Wyman).

Her work was her life although she spent a lot of time in her earlier years in local organizations, volunteer groups, etc., etc., but what does it matter now. She had a very strong opinion about the fact that we are just all little specks on the surface of the earth and no one should spend a lot of time grieving. She always said, we are born, we live and we die, so please, just remember the good things or fond memories of a person.

Just carry on and treat each day as a blessing and be kind and thoughtful with everyone you meet.

She is survived by her brother, Colin (Anne), Sackville, New Brunswick; nieces and nephews, Ricky, Murray, Tracy, Kathy, Clare and Michael McCabe.

Donations in memory of Carolyn, if anyone wishes to do so, would be appreciated by the Yellowknife Seniors' Society or the Salvation Army (two of her favourite charities).

