



It is with much sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Maureen Doris Morfitt (Phillips). She passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on June 5, 2016, at the Inuvik Regional Hospital.

Maureen was the youngest child of Jane (Moses) and William Phillips, born on June 1, 1934. She was raised in the Aklavik area and often spoke of the "good old days" growing up with her mother, brothers and sisters, and step father Nels Leland. She often referred to herself as a "Pokiak Scrub".

Maureen was a gentle soul with many incredible talents and always found the good in everyone. Quick witted, soft spoken and always a lady, she inspired many people. It is rumored that she may have contributed the word "persnickity" to the English language!! She was a loving mother to 8 children and made homes for them in Edmonton, Inuvik, and Fort Smith.

Maureen loved to work with people and was a joy to be around. Her last place of employment was at the Transient Centre in Inuvik. She is fondly remembered by many new mothers who she welcomed and provided comfort and guidance to during their long stays away from home.

Maureen was survived by her children Douglas, Linda, Derek, Keith, Kevin, and Duane; grandchildren Troy, D'Arcy, Traci, Jessie, Cory, Russell, Natasha, Megan, Brianna, Krystal, Jennifer, Karla, Brandon, Laylah, Luke, Lisa, Curtis, and Christopher. As well as her many nieces and nephews from the families of Cecil and Tommy Phillips, Gladys Wright, Anne Dixon, and Winnie Bourque.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Jane Phillips; stepfather Nels Leland; husband Bill Morfitt, children Billy Morfitt and Janet Wiedemann; sisters Gladys, Winnie, Jean and Anne, and brothers Cecil, Tommy, Billy, and George.

She was a loyal friend to many and will be missed and remembered forever.

Maureen's life was celebrated on June 10, 2016, at the Anglican Church of Ascension, in Inuvik, NT, with a beautiful sermon delivered by Rebecca Blake.

She is layed to rest at the Inuvik Cemetery.