

Ethel Mary Fergusson (nee Griffin)

Born September 14, 1938 in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan.

Mary went to business school in Calgary, AB where she met Don Fergusson. They had a son, Ian, on December 18, 1958 and married on March 15, 1959. Ian was adopted by Don's sister, Joyce Gamble. Mary and Don moved to Frobisher Bay, NWT and worked for the Territorial Government as a secretary and a plumber.

In 1962 they adopted two Inuit sisters, Mary and Susan.

In 1964 they transferred to Fort Smith, NT.

In 1966, tired of working for the government, they moved to Hay River and started a family business. They built the Caribou Motel and opened in 1968. With a lot of hard work, a few years later, they opened the Caribou Lounge and Restaurant.

In the early 1970's Mary and Don went into partnership with Reg Clarke to build the Pelican Rapids Inn in Fort Smith, NT.

Mary and Don divorced in 1976. Mary moved to Prince George, BC. She continued to live there with her grandson David until she passed away on February 20, 2019 of colon cancer.

She is predeceased by: her parents Alphonse & Ethel Griffin, Leonard & Elenor Chamberlin, Dean & Cathy Griffin, Patrick Griffin, Arnold Campbell, Mark & Mitch Campbell; her son Ian Gamble; in-laws Joyce & Arnold Gamble, Frances & Howard Kipling, Joan & Hugh Ferguson, Bonnie Ferguson

She is survived by: her brothers John Griffin (Eileen), George Griffin; her sister Joyce Campbell; her daughters Mary Fergusson, Susan (Charles) Gauthier; grandchildren David Fergusson, Saxon Akearok; great grandchildren Alexandrea & DJ Fergusson; nieces & nephew Reny, Heather, Shelly, Glenda, Laurie, Jim, Colin, Cathy, Lyndon, Dan & Jimmy.

Happy Birthday Mom!