



*Mabel Isobell Collinson* (nee: Wylie) was born in Nipawin, SK on April 20th, 1934 and passed away in Yellowknife on December 27th, 2014 in her eightieth year.

Mabel was predeceased by her parents Jack and Isabel Wylie, her brother Bob and sister-in-law Verona Wylie and her brother Jim Wylie.

She is survived by her Aunt Laura and Brother John Wylie in Ontario, and her sister-in-law Marion Wylie in Yellowknife. On the Collinson side she is survived by her sister-in-laws Barbara Janz of Souris, MB and Maddie Fulford of Vancouver, BC.

Also mourning her passing are her children Robert (Violet) Collinson, and Beth Collinson of Yellowknife and Kelly Webster of Hay River, her grandchildren Graeme and Taylor Reid of Hay River, AJ and Adam Collins of Yellowknife, Danna and Abby Webster of Hay River and Cassidy Collinson of Yellowknife. She will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews across Canada and her former students, teaching colleagues and friends.

Mabel was a Mother, Grandmother, community volunteer, teacher, role-model and friend to many. She ended up being a teacher because she was too young to get into nursing school as she graduated early from high school. In her first year of teaching in a one-room schoolhouse she actually taught students that were older than her. She taught in Saskatchewan for 15 years before moving to Yellowknife in 1969 with her family and teaching for another 21 years.

Her children were blessed with a truly incredible mother, who taught them right from wrong, the value of family and community and how to laugh at ourselves and with others. Mabel was extremely proud of her grandchildren and the fine young adults they have become. Grandma was always there for them and was at various times a live-in nanny, the go-to babysitter and first best friend to all of them.

Mabel volunteered behind the scenes for many organizations in Yellowknife. She had the ability to get things done and direct people without causing offense. She particularly enjoyed volunteering at the Baker Centre.

Her children would like to thank the incredible nurses and homecare workers with Yellowknife Health and Social Services for allowing her to live independent for many years, the Ambulance Crews from the Yellowknife Fire Department for their professionalism and compassion in transporting Mom to and from the hospital, Dr. Naidoo for her good humour in being her primary physician, and the nurses and physicians in the ICU and Medicine Unit at Stanton for the care they gave Mom over the years and their assistance in helping us with Mom's final journey.

Finally, the staff of Avens, you became her friends and part of her family, we thank you for the care you gave our Mom over the last four years in the Manor and before when she lived in the Cottages. If Mabel was ever cranky with any of you it was because she hated being fussed over. We thank you for fussing over our Mother.

A Memorial Service took place on January 2nd at the Baker Centre. Donations to the Yellowknife Senior's Society in memory of Mabel are appreciated.