

~ In Remembrance ~
Dorothy Blanche Dechief (Truax)
August 24, 1929 - May 7, 2004



"The Final Flight"

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God
laid for me.*

*I took His hand when I heard
His call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end
of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things too I will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times
of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved
one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me, now he set me free.*

Author: Unknown

Amos and Ivy Truax were blessed with the birth of their daughter Dorothy on August 24, 1929 in Deloraine, Manitoba. Dorothy was one of five children born to them. Through her younger days, Dorothy did her best to brighten the lives of the people around her until she met her true life's mate and married her now deceased husband, Arthur Dechief, in Deloraine, Manitoba on July 21, 1953.

The happy couple moved to Cypress River, Manitoba where Arthur worked and Dorothy raised their two children, Debra and Danny. Times were not always easy for the young couple, and required several moves and varied careers to make ends meet. Dorothy was always up to the challenge and did her share and more to keep her family safe and prosperous. She moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba and worked as an A&W car hop, on to Fort Churchill, Manitoba and worked as an assistant Post Master, further north still to Yellowknife, NT where she worked for Canada Post, the GNWT on Operation Surname, Motor Vehicles and Economic Development and Tourism. After a very short stay in Norman Wells, following her husband's career she settled herself and her family in Hay River, where she worked for Northwest Lands and Forests as a radio operator during the forest fire season. Finally she worked for the Canadian Coast Guard in personnel until her retirement in 1989 in Hay River.

Dorothy was a unique individual, her family always came first in her eyes and thoughts, followed closely by her job and her willingness to assist whomever she could help. Although she preferred the quiet solitude of her home and surroundings, she was the life of a party when she graced outside activities with her unique presence. Dorothy loved life and life loved her right back. There was little that she could not overcome or endure, even her long and painful battle with arthritis and other ailments could not diminish her spirit and sense of humour.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Debra of Yellowknife, son Danny (Lindsay) of Hay River and only grandchild Samantha Dechief, as well as her sisters Lorna Laminman (Leon) of Deloraine, Manitoba and Shirley (Mervin) Koverski of Swan River, Manitoba, along with numerous nieces, nephews and a great following of friends.

She will be missed by all those who knew and cared for her. She was a very special person who's enthusiasm for life will be difficult to suppress. She will not be soon forgotten, her memory will be with us for years to come.

On behalf of our Mother, The Dechief family would like to thank all those who befriended her throughout her years.

"We're sure going to miss you Mom"

