

Rolande (Rollie) Blanche Holden (nee Lachance)

February 28, 1927 - December 25, 2004

It is with deepest regret we announce the passing of Rolande (Rollie) Blanche Holden. Rollie was born in Fort Coulonge, QC to Edouard and Georgianna Lachance. She was the youngest of five children. Rollie left home at an early age and moved to Ottawa, ON where she worked at the Bel Claire for many years. In 1955, Rollie moved to Yellowknife where she met her soul mate, Bill. In 1957 they were married and over the next thirty years worked side by side.

Rollie had many passions in life, but first and foremost was her family. She was a talented lady who could create something out of nothing. Rollie loved to sew, cross stitch, crochet, cook and garden. In the summer you would find Rollie in her garden world enjoying each minute she spent while creating her masterpiece. One particular piece was the Centennial Garden. Rollie and Bill had wanted to commemorate a special event so the seed was planted to create a garden. Together along with teachers, students and anyone wishing to have some fun created a piece of Yellowknife history. Rollie made her television debut when she and her Arden Avenue garden were featured on the Canadian Gardener.

Rollie was predeceased by her soul mate Bill, parents, Edouard and Georgianna, sisters Mabel and Hilda, brothers Mandoza, and her twin brother Roland. Rollie is survived by her daughter Sherry, son-in-law Darcy, grand-daughter Nichelle, and three small furry companions Snikker, Bosco and Kujo. She is also survived by many relatives and friends whom she enjoyed conversing with whenever possible.

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers, cards, food, concerns and help. A special thank you to Dr. Orlaw, Dr. Hendricks and all the Home Care staff who went way above and beyond the call of duty to grant Rollie's request to remain at home.

There will be a Memorial Service on January 21, 2005 at 1:30pm at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church with reception to follow at the Baker Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Rollie can be made to either; YACCS, Suite 1 - 5710-50 Avenue, Yellowknife, NT X1A 1G1 or Home Care, Box 608, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N5.

