

# *Blanche Marie McMaster*

## *(nee Hinderks)*



With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Blanche McMaster on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at her daughter's home in Yellowknife, NT, following a long and courageous battle with colon cancer. Blanche leaves to mourn her passing: her daughter, Marian Gilewicz, a long-time teacher in Yellowknife, NT and her beloved grandson, Brayden (Angela) Gilewicz of Calgary, AB; as well as relatives and friends in BC, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

Blanche was born and raised in the district of Watson, SK and remained a true prairie girl most of her life. As a young adult, Blanche's independent spirit led her to venture to Vancouver, BC, where she worked in a lumber mill for a few years. However, the pull of the prairies returned Blanche to Saskatchewan, where she began her long career with the CIBC, initially in Regina, then Watson and finally Saskatoon. Blanche will be remembered by her colleagues as a resourceful, sincere, and dedicated employee, always eager to improve her skills, thus moving quickly up the managerial ladder. Following 37 years of service to the CIBC, Blanche "retired" in order to initiate new ventures, such as sales rep for the Sask. Motor Club; school bus driver; and area supervisor for Statistics Canada, to name a few.

Throughout her life, Blanche was a devout Roman Catholic, always proud of her accomplishment as founder of the Watson CWL, being a life-long charter member. Her other interests included curling, softball, gardening, lawn bowling, live theatre, and needle crafts. Her life-long love of horses, dogs and cats was evident in the many she owned and her charitable contributions to the SPCA.

Blanche was predeceased by her parents, John William Hinderks and Georgina McDonough, infant son Michael and husband Clifford McMaster.

A celebration of Blanche's life will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Yellowknife, on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 pm, with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donation cards will be available for the YKHSS Home Care and Palliative Care at Stanton Territorial Hospital, Yellowknife, NT.

Interment of Blanche's remains will be at the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery in Watson, SK, in July, 2006.



Arrangement provided by Family Funeral Services.