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It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Helene Florence (MacLeod) Byers, at Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck, NS, on Saturday, January 18th, 2020.

Born December 29th, 1937, in Nyanza, Cape Breton Island, Helene was the daughter of the late Angus and Marybelle (MacRae) MacLeod.

Helene's life journey took her from Middle River to Toronto after high school. There she met and married Gerry. Together they welcomed their children Pamela and Darryl into their lives. Gerry loved their visits to Cape Breton Island as much as Helene and in 1974 they left the city behind moving to Middle River to raise their family.

Helene worked as a cook during the tourism season at local restaurants including the Bell Buoy, Silver Dart Lodge and The Red Barn. She was a member of the Middle River Fire Ladies Auxiliary and the Middle River Seniors Club.

Helene's kitchen was the heart of her home where she enjoyed nothing better than lively conversation, a good game of cards, and sitting around the table with family and friends.

Helene is survived by her son Darryl (Valerie), Middle River; and her special first cousins Malcolm Chapman, Middle River and Ellen (Churchill) Robinson, Georgian Bay, Ontario. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband Gerry and their daughter Pamela.

The family extends their deepest thanks to Dr. Genge, Dr. Tribo, Dr. Heughan and all the staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care as Helene made her transition from this life.

A celebration of Helene's life will take place at Farquharson Presbyterian Church in Middle River at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 24th, 2020. Interment of ashes will take place at a later date.

Memorials donations may be made to the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department or the Victoria County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com

