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MACINTYRE, Florence Judith (Gillis). Inverness / Port Hood. It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Judy, age 76, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, on December 23, 2020. Judy was born in Port Hood on July 23, 1944 to the late Joe and Jesse (Campbell) Gillis. After the unexpected death of her mother, Judy spent the first eleven years of life under the care of the late Katie and Joseph Beaton and their family.

Judy will be remembered as a caring and devoted mother, grandmother, family member, and friend. Both playful and determined, she dedicated her life to the service of others. Early on, Judy felt called to assist the sick and dying. She responded to that call by working in nursing homes, and by regularly visiting friends and family members in hospital, a practice she continued throughout her life. Judy also worked for many years in care homes for adults with disabilities, and was very committed to supporting her clients' dignity and independence. After her retirement, she volunteered with a mission in the Philippines, and this experience brought her a lasting connection to a community she revered. Back home, she was known for her beautiful singing voice and her hospitality. She loved conversation and delighted in a good laugh. Judy was deeply passionate about Cape Breton: its coastline, its people, and most of all, its music. Her "happy place" was at West Mabou Hall on a Saturday night.

Judy was preceded by her brother Angus Lawrence and sister Etta, as well as by her foster siblings Margaret MacIntosh, Donald A., Joe, Colin, Angus, and John Malcolm.

She is survived by her daughters Angela Mackay of New Glasgow and Annette (James Bray) of Montreal; grandchildren Cicely and Casper Pye of Montreal; step-grandchildren Thomas, Emilie, and Louie Bray; siblings, Catherine Cooney (Larry) of Wallaceburg, ON, Margaret Christie (Cecil) of Creignish, Josephine Cummings (Duncan) of Creignish, Theresa Lowden (Ted) of Kelowna, BC, and Duncan (Annie Mae) of Creignish; and foster sister, Annie Mae Boucher (Gus) of Havre Boucher, NS.

A funeral mass will be held at 11am on Tuesday, December 29th at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, with visitation at 10:30am. COVID restrictions will be followed. The mass will also be broadcast at

90.1FM. A burial service will take place during the summer when safety restrictions have been lifted. Donations in memory of the late Florence Judy MacIntyre can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Condolences can be left at: [www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com)