

Brenda Ann (Wilkie) BIRMINGHAM — Hillside Boularderie



It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of devoted Wife, Mom, Nana, Brenda Ann (Wilkie) Birmingham, who succumbed to covid on June 23, 2022. Born on October 30, 1943, Brenda was the youngest of 10 children to Billy and Irene (Fougere) Wilkie of North Sydney, Cape Breton. 'Sam' leaves behind the love of her life, Mel Birmingham, who grieves for her but finds comfort in the 56 happy years of married life together, raising their family on Hillside Boularderie. Brenda was a dedicated RN whose knowledge, empathy and generous nature shone through in the way she always cared for those in need. Starting out in hospitals, she went on to work many years as a nurse for the Cape Breton Development Corporation at Princess and Prince Mines as well as Victoria Junction. She is also deeply mourned by children Leanne, Patrick and Paul who are missing the heart of their family already, as are their spouses who she treated like her own - Jeff Beddow, Donna (Sullivan) Birmingham and Tanya MacNeil. Nana's absolute pride and joy were her grandchildren and she loved nothing better than being in their presence, never missing a birthday, Christmas, or trip to Ingonish. She will be missed so much by Kenzie, Regan, Breagh, Aislinn, Ethan and Ryan. Brenda is survived by sister Freda MacLeod, brothers Albert (Phyllis) & Edgar Wilkie; brother and sister-in-law Lawrence & Norma Birmingham, sisters-in-law Mary, Joanne and Muriel Wilkie, a best friend who loved her like a sister. She was predeceased by her parents, parents-in-law Tom & Millie Birmingham as well as brothers Art, Donnie, Georgie (Lexie), sisters and brothers-in-law Catherine Mulley (Bill), Joyce (Bud) Lachapelle and Hugh MacLeod. This past year, she also deeply felt the loss of brother Gordie (Muriel) and special niece,

Irene (Hal) Hill. Aunt Brenda will be missed by her many nieces and nephews, godchildren, extended family, and large circle of dear friends, too many to mention here. Cremation has taken place. A funeral mass for Brenda Birmingham will be celebrated on Saturday, July 16th at 10:30am in her home parish of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bras d'Or where the wearing of masks and following of safety precautions are preferred by the family to prevent the continuing spread of covid. Donations can go in her memory to the Arthritis Society, Nova Scotia <https://arthritis.ca> or a charity of your choice. You can always mail a card to someone you love to let them know you are thinking of them. That's what Brenda always did. Please do not let the dark clouds stay for too long, but rather look to the sun to break through and put a smile on your face as you remember Brenda's laugh, love, and warm presence anytime you were with her.