



REMEMBERING
Doreen Hawes

June 13, 1926 - June 18, 2011



Doreen Evelyn Hawes died peacefully on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo, Extended Care. Doreen was born Doreen Evelyn Wood, June 13, 1926 in Northbrook, Ontario to Gordon and Mabel (Parks) Wood. In Northbrook she grew up surrounded by friends and relatives, many of whom she stayed in touch with all her life. As a girl Doreen enjoyed cross-country skiing and skating in winter, swimming in the water hole at the creek in summer, sneaking smokes with her friends and having many laughs with them. At 16 she moved to Toronto, first working at Imperial Optical, then York Armories, a munitions factory and in a factory that made aviator sunglasses. She talked longingly of those days. She married Marsh Hawes on June 12, 1946 in Toronto. They lived their married life in many mining towns in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, BC and the NWT and had 7 children along the way. When her youngest child was in school she got a job doing cleaning at the Stanton Yellowknife hospital; from there, moving on to the receiving home where children taken into care by the Territorial government were placed until more permanent homes could be found for them. Her last job was with the NWT government, where she was a clerk and operated a mag-card machine, a very noisy precursor to the computer. In 1983 Doreen and Marsh retired and moved from Yellowknife to the home they had built at Redfish Creek near Nelson. She loved to read, garden and visit friends and family. Doreen absolutely loved having her family around. Holidays and birthdays meant a family meal with a smiling welcome to whoever could attend. After Marsh's passing in 2002 one of her favorite things to do was take her car and with her dog Coffey, and drive to Nelson to buy "a few things", mostly for others. She continued to live in the house at Redfish until her family became concerned for her welfare, so she moved into the Kaslo extended care in December 2007. Doreen was predeceased by her parents and three brothers, Floyd, Earl and Bud, as well as her husband Marsh, youngest

son Ross, and grandson Spencer. She is survived by six children: Carol (Barry) Riehl, Rory (Jean), Joe (Judy), Kirby (Judy), Cameron (Eva), and Tom (Jennifer Roper); grandchildren Shannon and Vince Riehl (Jacqueline Mowat), Blair, Marsh (Jennifer), Helen, Louise (Geoff Chambers), Harrison, Hailey, Gary Camerson, Juniper and Sequoia, and Eric Froment; great-grandchildren Faith Meays and Greyson Wilks; Colton and Mica; Caleb, Cody, Conner and Cameron Chambers; and Dayton Cameron. A Celebration of Life was held for Doreen on June 25 at the Ainsworth Community Hall. Her ashes will be buried in Northbrook, near her parents.

