

MARTINE LATHLIN (ENGEN)



AUGUST 13, 1948 – SEPTEMBER 18,
2020

Martine Dorothy Lathlin (Engen) is survived by her daughters Barbara Ann Patchett (King) and Carolyn Smeltzer (King), and her son Paul Engen. Along with her 8 Grandchildren Gabriel, Hailee, Aaron, Christopher, Krista, Tylan, Kyle, and Mark. Along with her 5 Great Grandchildren; Keith, AJ, Curtis, Alicia, and Katarina.

Martine lays to rest with her son, Hilliard Lathlin and her parents Emma and Aaron Engen, her brothers Lenoard and Edward Engen and her sisters Linda Bauer (Engen) and Margaret Ducharme (Engen); along with her aunts, uncles and cousins who have gone before her.

We take a moment to remember the families that lived and thrived in the north, and with the strength we have inherited from them- so we can endure anything that comes our way.



CELEBRATION OF MARTINE'S LIFE AND BURIAL FOR
MARTINE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, AUGUST
13, 2021
AT CHRIST CHURCH, THE PAS, MB

Martine was born on August 13, 1948

Her parents, Emma Engen (Fenner) and Aaron Engen lived in Cormorant, Manitoba where they lived off the land through hunting, fishing and farming.

Life was hard and difficult but rewarding, each day for school Martine's mom would sew her snow pants on to prepare her and her older Brothers and Sisters for school. Martine was the youngest of 6 children with 3 brothers; Edward, Lenard, and Norman and her 2 older sisters; Margaret and Linda.

They lived in Cormorant for many years growing up until it was time for her older siblings to attend high school where they had to pack up and move to The Pas. Her mother, Emma had found a home to rent and began working at the local hospital that was run by the nuns.

When her father, Aaron, came back from Trapping up north, he discovered his family had moved. Back in those days there was no phone or cell service, and mailing letters to the bush was not possible.

Martine spent her teenage years in The Pas, where she attended the Red Brick school. She then met Jim King and later married and had a daughter, Barbara Ann, at the tender age of 16.

Early on in their marriage Jim, her husband, had the dream of becoming a pilot where he would spend some of his younger days speaking with the pilots at the Alloette, knowing this is where he could find them. Once he became a father and husband, moved his family to Churchill, Manitoba to train to become a pilot.

Martine worked many jobs to help her husband achieve his dream, but unfortunately their marriage fell apart a few years later.

Martine then moved back to The Pas and did her best as a single mother. A few years later she had another baby girl, Carolyn, then had to send her daughter, Barbara Ann, to live with her father who had remarried and worked as a Pilot for Canadian Airlines. Martine had worked at the local hospital where she would assist the nuns and nurses. She then followed her mother, Emma, to work for the local Forestry Company which later became known as Manfor as a Cook's helper in the camp numerous kitchens.

When her daughter, Carolyn, was a year old she met Louie Lathlin and they were married. She then had a son, Hilliard Aaron Lathlin. Less than a year later she became a single mother again. She then had another son but had to give him up for adoption. Her brother, Lenard, adopted Paul soon after he was born with 6 children of his own.

Martine worked as a camp cook, where she worked for Moose Lake loggers and later for the local College for their annual camp setup for the Natural Resources students. She also served for many years on the National Indigenous Women's Group to Advance Aboriginal and Indigenous Issues into the World View.

Martine had struggled her entire life with mental illness then later on with Diabetes, a heart condition and Arthritis. Through it all to make extra money she would sell perogies and dainties on the side to help support her son, Hilliard, who lived with her full time at #6 Conaught Avenue, what as locally known as the Ghetto.

She was always known for her Perogies, Cabbage Rolls and Dainties and the caring way she treated everyone.