

WAKE SERVICE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

**The Late Carolynn Constant Residence
Bracken Dam, Opaskwayak Cree Nation,
MB**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**OCN Veteran's Hall
Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm

**OCN Veteran's Hall
Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB
Celebrant: Rev. Charlie Lathlin**

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS:

**Theoren TJ Constant, Brady Constant,
Ethan Constant, Chavez Constant, Milan
Constant, Lazarus Constant**

**Following the interment prayers at the
OCN Veteran's Hall, Mom's family invites
our dear friends and family to a reception
and time of fellowship at the OCN
Veteran's Hall.**



**In Loving Memory Of
Carolynn Constant**

(nee Chevillard)

July 26, 1954 – November 4, 2025



Cherished Widow, Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, Sister, Sister-in-Law, Godmother, Cousin, Matriarch & Leader began her journey home to be with her husband, Arnold, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Carolynn was born Monday, July 26th, 1954 in The Pas, Manitoba at St. Anthony's Hospital.

Mom lived a beautiful life out on the land with her family. At the age of 5 years old, Mom went to live with her Grandparents in Cross Lake, Manitoba. Then, at the age of 8 years old, Mom went to live with her Mother, Yvonne Chevillard in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended school, and fondly remembers learning Spanish, and the American Anthem. Then, at the age of 12 years old, Mom returned to Cormorant, MB to stay with her extended family, and was lovingly raised by her Aunt Mary, Henrietta "Mary" Ducharme (nee Chevillard). It was at this time that Mom decided to stay in The Pas; she placed herself in foster care so she could stay in the North with her extended family. Mom was placed with the Johnston Family in Rall's Island, and was able to have the best of friends out there with days spent riding horses and tending to their farms.

Mom attended Margaret Barbour Collegiate, and it was during this time, that she met the love of her life, Arnold. In 1970, Mom competed for the Annual Opaskwayak Indian Days and earned the Sr. Princess title, and it was here that Mom and Dad truly connected. Together, they raised five beautiful children, Charlotte, Chris, Andrea, Jennifer, and JD. Creator also brought into their lives, Patricia and Amelia. Mom and Dad were very supportive of our educational pursuits and were very proud parents when we completed our studies.

Mom and Dad were able to establish Arnold Constant Farming, as well as being co-owners and operators of Lil Lake Gas Bar with brother in law Alex Constant.

Throughout her younger years, Mom was an avid sports person who loved to ride horses, and participate in all sports. Our Mom had a very strong passion for hockey. This is a result of our Dad's passion for hockey and soccer. Our Dad played for the Reserve 11's and The Pas Blues. Together they managed the OCN Blues Senior Hockey Club. Mom utilized her love for accounting to manage many sports teams, her businesses, and their family adventures.

Mom gained much respect in the OCN Band Office, formerly known as The Pas Indian Band. She worked her way up from receptionist to manager of several departments, including Housing, Employment & Training, and Social Services. Mom was seconded during the latter part of her professional career to work with the federal government as a Community Liaison Officer, whereby she assisted First Nation communities to establish employment and training programs. Often, Mom spoke fondly of her colleagues Loretta McGinnis, and Dorothy Peters for working tirelessly with her. Together, they formed a 'Super Team' and made a difference in many people's lives.

Throughout her professional career, Mom used her Grade 12 education, & her Accounting Diploma from Keewatin Community College to support her passion for training programs, and formal schooling. It was this passion that led Mom around the province to assist others to achieve in their chosen career paths in the Trades and Vocations.





Mom was an enthusiastic and committed 'Hockey Mom' and enjoyed her travels with Dad, and son Chris to many hockey tournaments. Mom and Dad supported their son Chris's budding hockey career; as he got calls from the minor leagues, and played for the Melville Millionaires, the Brandon Wheat Kings, and the Regina Pats during the 1990's.

In one feisty moment during the North American First Nations Hockey Championships in Kenora, Ontario, our Mom during the Final game, took a broom on the ice and chased the famous Reggie Leach down because she thought he hurt her son during the intense battle. Chris turned out to be fine, and they went on to capture the championship title! Mr. Reggie Leach likes to mention the loving support of Indigenous mothers during his presentations, and always refers to Mom chasing him down!

After years of hockey as a Mother, Mom then became a 'Hockey Grandma' and this kept her quite busy, travelling to Nationals for her Grandchildren's games. Both Carolynn and Arnold spent the majority of their travels with their oldest grandson, TJ, and had the absolute best of times meeting new fans who adored their grandson's hockey talents. This 'Hockey Grandma' drove countless late nights to support her grandchildren, and she just loved seeing them all display their natural talent and hard-earned efforts. This 'Hockey Grandma' also loved to cheer on her grandchildren in fastball, baseball, and soccer. There were many memorable times spent at the lake, with the most recent this past summer, whereby our Grandma played a game of beach volleyball with granddaughter Desirae and friends, Joseph, Tiffany and Elayna. During this beach game, Mom went diving into the sand in her attempts to keep playing! Grandma was so much fun!



In her most treasured moments, Mom spent much time camping with our family, and her famous fried bannock was the best. Many campers would often stop by to enjoy and share a meal. It was during the late campfire nights, that Mom would tell her famous 'scary' stories and give our friends and family a good scare! All of her old Cormorant childhood stories would make for good awe and wonder! When Dad became ill, Mom took up the hobby of knitting, and made several blankets. Her last completed blanket was given to her Granddaughter Desirae, who was born when our Dad became very ill in the Health Sciences Centre in the year 2000. Mom was truly dedicated to her life with our Dad. Through thick and thin, she was by his side.

Mom loved her Cormorant and Opaskwayak communities. She spent much time visiting, having tea, and joining the many fishing derbies. In her downtime, Mom enjoyed playing dice games, and reading hundreds of novels. As a way of giving back to their home community of Opaskwayak, Mom and Dad hosted community traditional feasts in the month of June, to celebrate life, and to honor those who have passed. These feasts were a community wide celebration of our ways of life, and the teaching of generosity. Over the years, Mom invited guests to the family home for a night if they needed lodging.

Recently our Mom began suffering from the effects of dementia. She tried her best to live a good, happy life. This disease shortened our time with our beloved Mother and Grandmother. Special moments with Shaylynn by her side tending to her needs, road trips with Lazarus & hitting up casinos, on the dance floor at CWeed's Cabaret with Nikki, hockey games with Ethan, Brady, Abby, Chavez & Milan – it was these moments that Gramma knew she was loved. Mom is survived by children Charlotte, Chris, Andrea (Chris), Jennifer (Gene), and James David; her loving Grandchildren, and Chapans, her sister Loretta, brothers Lanze and Hank, sister-in-law Bev Fontaine, and special cousin, Rita Ducharme.

Mom was predeceased by Husband Arnold, Mother Yvonne Chevillard, younger brothers Bernard & Robert, Mother-in-Law Barbara Constant and Father-in-Law Lazarus Constant, and many aunts, uncles and family of Cormorant and Opaskwayak.

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— 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

