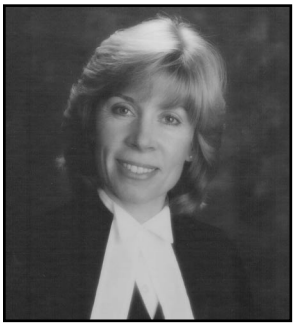
Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund



Loraine Minish-Cooper came to Yellowknife in 1979 as an Articling Student-at-Law and stayed to marry, raise a family and practice law until breast cancer took her life in 2002 after a long and valiant struggle.

Loraine enjoyed a distinguished legal career with the Federal Crown Attorney's office in Yellowknife where she was ultimately promoted to Regional Director for the Northwest Territories in 1998. She also served as a Director of the NWT Law Society and was its President in 1992.

Loraine was an enthusiastic supporter of her three daughters' involvement in speed skating and was also a Director, and President of the Yellowknife Speedskating Association. Loraine personally found great joy through her long involvement with the Yellowknife Choral Society and was integral to her daughter's musical training when Megan's talent became apparent. The Yellowknife Community Foundation also enjoyed the benefits of her many talents when she was a Director, and Treasurer, in 2001/2002.

It is Loraine's complete devotion to her family and her insatiable passion for gardening that will be especially remembered by all who knew and loved her. It was Loraine's wish that a Garden of Hope planted in her memory would be a place of peace and comfort, especially for those with breast cancer and their families. The Garden of Hope was planted in spring of 2003 at a site selected by Loraine and will be maintained in perpetuity.

Donations to the Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation.

THE LORAINE MINISH-COOPER GARDEN OF HOPE
Some of the many citizens of Yellowknife who contributed to the planting of The Garden are pictured here from left to right:
Johnny Graves, Kathryn Roy, Erin Freeland Ballantyne, Linda Dunbar, Penny Ballantyne, Debbi Ross, Anne Marie Dawe, Ann Burry, Penny Johnson, Terry Foster.