

**Laurette ARVISAIS**

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**Père : ARVISAIS**

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1929 - 2003 Born May 25th, 1929 in Ottawa. Passed away from cancer at maison Mathieu Froment-Savoie in Aylmer on Wednesday August 13, 2003. Predeceased by her parents, Alphonse Arvisais and Winnifred Hill; her sisters: Therese and Lucille (Taillon); her brother-in-law Fernand Taillon. She is survived by her brothers: Georges (Edith Kearns) and Edward (Lucie Plamondon); her niece Diane, her nephews: Guy, Patrick, Luc and Joce and her dear cousin Madeleine Poirier. Starting as a telephone operator in Aylmer, Laurette subsequently worked at many places including: the Royal Trust, Trade and Commerce, the NRC Building Research, the National Film Board, Parr-Hill, Military Intelligence, the Company of Young Canadians, the 1967 Centennial Commission, the National Capital Commission, DuPont Canada, the Ottawa General Hospital. She worked as a Food Broker. She once owned and operated a Christmas tree farm. On her interesting trek, she worked with the Jean Palardy's, the Anne Hebert's, and the Claude Jutras' at the National Film Board. She rounded up for Centennial Commissioner, John Fisher, a boa constrictor for presentation to the Granby Zoo. She instituted and gave ski-doo snow condition reports for the National Capital Commission trails. Laurette loved her music. Whenever friends and family would gather, she would regularly be coaxed to play each one's favourite tune at the piano. At weddings and other such church events she would be seen at the organ, improvising with her own compositions. She could play a variety of instruments in small bands. She played the clarinet while marching in Santa Claus parades in the late 1980's. Laurette was strong on conservation. She had once taken a shine to an old semi-abandoned Victorian grey stone home, threatened with demolition by the local town council. At the rent of \$55 per month (with a couple of months free rent in exchange for redecorations) she tenaciously worked at its conservation for a few years, before moving on. Today, the fully restored home has become a very prominent restaurant. In her retirement, Laurette took up spinning and weaving in Fabre, Temiscamingue, a place where this artisanal culture is carefully perpetuated. Burial of the ashes will be at the Notre-Dame Cemetery in Hull on Saturday, August 23rd, 2003. Departure at 10:45 a.m. from Serge Legault funeral home, 81 St-Laurent Blvd., Hull, QC. Reception will follow. If desired, donations to the maison Mathieu Froment-Savoie, 55 Couvent Street, Gatineau QC J9H 3C8 would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements by Serge Legault Funeral Home Inc., 81 St-Laurent Blvd., Hull, PQ J8X 1L0 For your messages of condolences send a fax to: (819) 771-7066 or e-mail at [serge.legault2@sympatico.ca](mailto:serge.legault2@sympatico.ca)