

I Can Only Imagine

*I can only imagine what it will be like,
when I walk by Your side...*

*I can only imagine, what my eyes will see,
when Your Face is before me!*

I can only imagine.

*Surrounded by Your Glory,
what will my heart feel?*

*Will I dance for you, Jesus?
Or in awe of You, be still?*

*Will I stand in Your presence,
or to my knees will I fall?*

Will I sing 'Hallelujah!?

*Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine!*

*I can only imagine, when that day comes,
when I find myself standing in the Son!*

*I can only imagine, when all I will do,
is forever, forever worship You!*

I can only imagine!



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Geraldine M. Canning

1936 - 2010



CANNING, Geraldine M. - 74, of Parrsboro passed away Sunday, September 19, 2010 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro with her family and friends by her side. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Raynold and Gladys (O'Rourke) Melanson. In 1957, she married her childhood sweetheart, "Aubie". She was a graduate of The Grace Maternity Hospital, Halifax. She nursed during the 1956 and 1958 Springhill Mine Disasters at All Saints Hospital, Springhill; and her nursing career spanned 38 years at the South Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Parrsboro. Geraldine served on the Town of Parrsboro Recreation Committee, the Parrsboro School Reunion Committee, and contributed greatly to achieve financial support for several Grade 12 class trips. As the wife of the Fire Chief, she was also a member of the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department and raised funds for the new Parrsboro Fire Hall in 1971. She enjoyed playing cards, crafts and walking the beach at Two Islands, where the family delighted in their summer home. The greatest joy of her life was her three grandchildren, Josh, Tessa and Adam. To all who knew her, she warmly welcomed them to her home; Geraldine never met a stranger. She was loved by everyone she met as she had such a kind and caring way about her. Her popularity goes back to when, as a teenager, she was voted Parrsboro's most popular girl; she has lived up to her reign all these years. She is survived by her daughter, Debby (Bob) Woods, The Woodlands, Texas; son, Jeff (Kathleen) Canning, Lake Charlotte, Nova Scotia; sister, Nancy (Colin) Curleigh, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Josh and Tessa Woods and Adam Canning; her special niece, Shelley Dow, Parrsboro; sisters-in-law, Lois (Ross) Smith, Parrsboro; Dora Melanson, Hubbards; brother-in-law, David Smith, River Hebert; fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews and much loved by her great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Aubie Canning; brother, Byron Melanson; sisters, Jeanie Smith; Joann Courtney (Pete). Charitable donations to the Palliative Care Unit of SCCCC [P.O. Box 489, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, B0M 1S0] or to a charity of choice.



Pallbearer: Josh Woods

Flower Bearers: Tessa Woods & Adam Canning

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Entrance Hymn: *Only a Shadow*

A Time of Remembrance [Nancy Curleigh]

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Scripture Reading: *The Coming of the Lord* [Sara Parsons]

Psalm: *The Lord's My Shepherd* [Cantor: Peter Hoar]

Gospel

Reflection

Prayers of the Faithful [Tracey Comeau]

Eucharistic Prayer

[Ministers of the Eucharist: Brenda Wheaton and Norma Collinson]

Preparation of the Gifts

Communion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Prayers of Commendation

Closing Hymn: *Peace is Flowing Like a River*

Postlude

Everyone is invited to the Catholic Hall immediately following the committal services (both Geraldine and sister, Joann) for a time of refreshments and celebration.



The family would like to take this opportunity to thank Father David MacDonald; Deacon Howie Goldstein; soloist, Peter Hoar; the C.W.L. of St. Brigid's Church for providing the reception; and to everyone who has given their love, support and shared their memories with us over the past few months.