



Mrs. Thelma Cusator

CUSATOR- Mrs. Thelma Cusator, age 78, late of Shellbrook, passed away in Whispering Pine Place in Canwood on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

Thelma leaves to mourn, her children, Jim Cusator, Lorne Cusator (Claire), BettyAnn Cusator; her grandchildren, Amber, Jason and his son Alex, Trent, Loren; a sister, Margaret (Cliff) LaClaire; her nieces, Millie, Linda, Pat, Donna. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles; a brother, Tom Luck; her parents, George and Mildred Luck.

The funeral service was held at Knox United Church in Shellbrook on Saturday, July 16 at 2:00 pm with Rev. David Jensen as officiant. The eulogy was given by Harry Stevenson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Project.

The interment will be at a later date.

Condolences e-mailed to www.beaulacfuneralhome.com will be forwarded to the family.

Beau "Lac" Funeral Home is entrusted with the funeral arrangements.



Thelma was the wife of Charlie Cusator. Charlie and Thelma were the first Radio Operators at Buffalo Narrows. Although Charlie was the “official” Radio Operator, Thelma put in many many hours, mostly unpaid, to cover when Charlie was not available. Thelma had a distinctive voice that could cut through the static and was able to be heard under the most difficult signals.

The Cusators raised their family in the house right next to the Radio Station which was a small building (about 10 X 14 ?) After work hours they would often leave the radios on, turned up high, incase someone called with an emergency. Then Charlie or Thelma or maybe even one of the kids would run over and answer the radio.

Thelma was well known, well respected and well liked throughout the North by the fishermen, outfitters, firefighters and anyone working in the bush. The thin small cigars (Cigarillo) that she smoked were her distinctive trademark. The coffee pot was always on at Thelmas.