

## Deschene, Aline #322 \*

Honoured with much love from her 20 grandchildren:

Sylvie, Lise, Eric, Amanda, Shannon, Erin, Erica, Brianne, Heather, Stephanie, Stacey, Lindsay, Courtney, Kristin, Carly, Jennifer, Alison, Kendra, Ashley, Caitlyn

Aline Beatrice Deschene (nee Gauvin) was born on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1932 in Corbeil to parents Ernestine (née Charette) and Antonio Gauvin. Aline was raised in North Bay along with five siblings: Cecile, Thérèse, Dorval, Mignonne and MarieRose.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> 1948 Aline married Edgar Deschene in North Bay. They had six children: Patricia (Émilio), Cecile (John), Charles (Elizabeth), Louise (Robert), Alice (Gerry), Colette (Dalton). Aline has been a hard worker all her life, she stayed at home raising her children as well as helping her husband Edgar who was a stone mason, lifting and loading rocks from the quarry. Aline then worked for Deluxe Transportation for 23 years as a school bus driver.

Aline has always been a very loving and generous mother who has always made herself available for her children. She has many nieces and nephews who still drop in to visit with her often. A hub of activity, her house has always been filled with family and friends. Along with her 20 grandchildren, Aline currently has 11 great-grandchildren with three more on the way.

Aline has spent many years volunteering her time and giving back to the North Bay community. Last year she received her 25 Years of Volunteer Service from Nipissing Manor. Aline volunteered at Leisure World for over 20 years spending time helping others. She has been a long time member of Les Filles D'Isabelle helping to raise funds for church and school needs. Aline has been an active member of the Comité de Sympathie helping to organize and prepare meals for funerals in her parish, St. Vincent De Paul, where she was also a Eucharistic Minister up until a few years ago.

Aline has many interests and hobbies; she loves to knit and always has orders from her large family for baby sweaters, Christmas stockings, mittens, etc. She is a great card player and has even been known to act in several church plays with her friends. She is a wonderful cook and was known throughout North Bay for her wonderful pies (sugar, fruit, tourtière, etc.) as well as her famous fudge. Aline has always been lively with a sense of adventure, she used to take several of her 20 grandchildren for days at a time throughout the summer; there was never a dull moment!

Aline has always been the well-loved matriarch of our large family, she continues to guide and support her children and grandchildren through her wisdom, experience and humour. Many wishes for continued health and happiness, we love you.