## Velma Fitzgerald (Brown) Ixthus CLC, PE



Velma passed into the fullness of life on May 26, 2009 at the age of 77 years. Velma was born in Grand River, PEI and married Vernon Fitzgerald who was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. Velma, Vernon and their 3 children experienced living in various parts of Canada and Germany for a time. Upon their return to PEI, Velma resumed her career as a teacher and was known as a vivid and inspiring teacher by her students.

After Vernon's death Velma married Don Lewis in later life. She was a member of the

Royal Canadian Legion, Ixthus Christian Life Community, president of the Island Traditions Store, home of the basket weavers, Catholic Network for Women's Equality, the Red Hat Women's Group, as well as many other organizations. She had a wonderful ability to bring out the best in those she met and touched the lives of many. Her quick wit, warm smile and acceptance of others spoke strongly of her Christian spirit. She spoke often of the importance of CLC in her life. It was a place where she could openly express new growth in faith and a place where the root causes of injustices were addressed.

Velma was a loving wife, mother, stepmother, sister and a friend of many. Her full life spoke strongly of who she was. Her memory will continue to be a font of inspiration, consolation, love and hope to those who have shared her life journey.

