



Rae Ernestine Bracke

July 16, 1954 - February 15, 2026

Rae Ernestine Bracke passed away suddenly on February 15, 2026, at the age of 71 years.

She is survived by her children, Dwayne Collins (Brandy Johnstone) and Melodie Picco (Philip), and her granddaughter, Emma. Also left to remember her are her sisters, Lynn Sametz (John) and Wendy Loney, as well as nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

Rae was predeceased by her parents, Ernie and Grace Bracke, and her brother-in-law, Bill Loney.

Rae was a creative person who loved animals and had an interest in writing poetry and children's stories. She was proud of her family's multi-generational connection to Edmonton, her love for the United Church, and her skills as a hairstylist.

She often spoke about growing up as a "tom-boy" on the family farm and about her award-winning talent in track and field at Wagner High, where she was singled out and recognized for her athleticism at a time when women rarely were.

May her body and mind now be free to race through wheat fields at sunset, on strong legs or on horseback, green eyes shining and laughter carried on the

wind, accompanied by the animals she loved throughout her life.

Be at peace. Let that tom-boy run free — finally.

A private family service will take place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Edmonton Humane Society or to an animal protective service of your choice.