

JOAN BILTON



STORY: Joan Bilton (1938-1991) arrived in Dawson City with her husband and children in 1971. The family owned and operated J&J Emporium from 1977-89.

Joan was considered a visionary and planner for recreation who embodied what being a volunteer was all about. She joined the fledgling Dawson Recreation Board in 1974 and became chair soon after, holding this position right up to her death.

Joan left a legacy of commitment and achievement. She firmly believed in community recreation, not just elite athlete development. Her feistiness, strong values and commitment benefitted the entire Territory when she served on the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and the Lotteries Yukon Board, providing a valuable community viewpoint.

Joan's involvement over the years earned her the affectionate title "Mother Bilton."