

# Strawberry Patch continues to blossom

Most people have heard of the Cabbage Patch, but what about the Strawberry Patch? That's the name of the arts and crafts store in Terrace Bay which recently celebrated its first anniversary of operation.

Co-owners Darlene Noble and June Jeffery were, at first, a little hesitant to open such a specialty store in town. Then in October of 1984 they decided one day to just go ahead and started looking for a potential spot for the establishment that very morning. A few months later, and the Strawberry Patch was open for business.

"We felt there was a lack of crafts supplies in the area," Noble explained. "Everybody told us to forget about opening a store, though, except my husband Dave, who said we should go for it."

She added that although it was probably "insane" to consider going ahead, she and her mother June did anyway and have never regretted their decision.

"I don't know what I'd do without the store," Noble admitted in an interview last week. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

Jeffery noted that if their store doesn't have something in particular in stock, it can probably be ordered. However, the shop does have a wide variety of material right on the premises, which are located at 7 Simcoe Plaza, with the main entrance facing Radisson Avenue.

"We've got craft supplies, yarn and wool, sewing supplies, knitting needles, and even some toys," she said.

Noble pointed out that the hobby of paper toling is really "taking off" in the area and that her store stocks paper toling supplies. In fact, she taught a course on the hobby earlier this month.

"We supply a lot of the recreation courses in town," she explained.

Other things available in the store include antique clocks, handknit babywear, macrame kits, kid's crafts, jewelry, decorative wicker, flower arranging supplies, and even some items for sale on consignment by local artists and artisans, including some photographic prints.

Jeffery said that the store also gets in a lot of seasonal crafts, and the Easter material is now arriving. Supplies are also on hand for those who want to get a head start on their Christmas knitting and embroidery.

Children in the area are probably looking forward to May, when the Strawberry Patch co-owners expect to take delivery of their annual shipment of kites. Noble said that the kites were a big hit last year and that her store will carry a wide range of them again this summer. The more expensive models can be special ordered, she added.

Both Nobel and Jeffery encourage area residents to come down to their shop for a look. The Strawberry Patch is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday.



**Co-owners**

June Jeffery, at left, and Darlene Noble are the co-owners of The Strawberry Patch, an arts and crafts supply store in Terrace Bay which recently celebrated its first anniversary. They are shown in the store in front of the wide variety of yarn and knitting supplies they have for sale.

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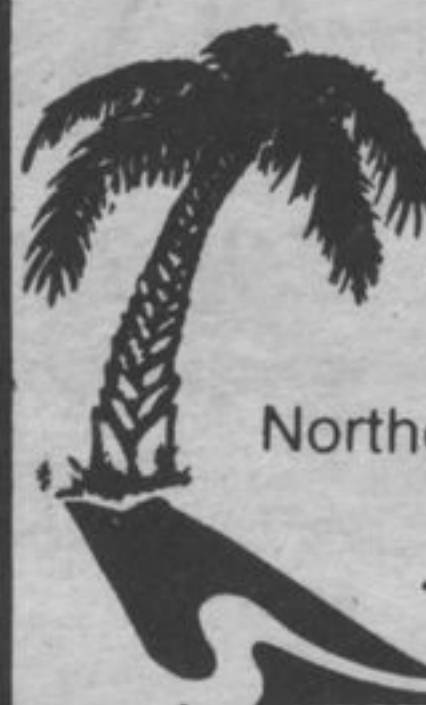
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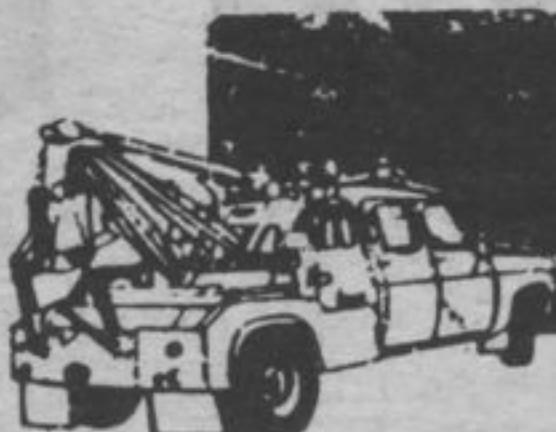
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She is survived by her two daughters and one son; John Vitols in So. Sioux City, Nebraska, Zigrida Richardella, Barnegat, New Jersey, and Erika Hart in Kenora, Ontario. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and her one great granddaughter.

She was predeceased by her son Albert Vitols in 1982, and one granddaughter in infancy.

The funeral was held February 17, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. from King's Funeral Home Ltd. with interment in the Schreiber Cemetery.