



Vale

Derek Gordon Pedley

Today we gather to celebrate the life of Derek Gordon Pedley – known to many of us by other names too: Del Boy, Pa, Mr P, Pedley, D Man, “My Darling”, and no doubt a few others depending on who you were and what mood he was in.

Derek was born in Plymouth, Devon, England, in 1943, the second eldest of five boys born to Doreen and Jim. He grew up in post-war England and often spoke fondly of his childhood. He attended

Laira Green School, where he became Head Boy, something he was quietly proud of throughout his life.

As a young boy, Derek loved his time in the Scouts, especially the camping trips across Dartmoor. Those adventures helped shape his lifelong love of the outdoors, friendship, and adventure.

Derek was a true craftsman. He spent his working life as a bricklayer and highly skilled stonemason. He had a remarkable talent for working with stone and creating beautiful fireplaces and stonework. He believed in doing a job properly, and anyone who knew him knew that if Derek built it, it was built to last.

In his early twenties, Derek married Diane, and together they had two children, Ian and Sam, both of whom remained an important and much-loved part of his life.

Thirty-three years ago, Derek met Jean, and together they built a wonderful life filled with love, laughter, friendship, adventure, and unwavering support for one another. Their relationship was a true partnership, and anyone who spent time with them could see the deep love and respect they shared.

In 2014, Derek and Jean moved to Norfolk Island and found far more than a new place to live – they found a community that became family.

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2026

WAREHOUSE

Saturday 27th JUNE : 9AM – 12 NOON

Sunday 28th JUNE : CLOSED

Monday 29th JUNE : CLOSED

Tuesday 30th JUNE : CLOSED

SUPERMARKET

Saturday 27th JUNE : 8AM – 6PM

Sunday 28th JUNE : 9AM - 6PM

Monday 29th JUNE : 8AM - 6PM

Tuesday 30th JUNE : 8AM – 5PM

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The friendships they built there filled their lives with laughter, companionship, and countless happy memories.

The love and support shown by their Norfolk Island tribe over the years, and especially in recent times, has been a great comfort to Derek and Jean and means more to the family than words can ever say.

Derek was not only talented with his hands; he was also a passionate cook who loved feeding family and friends. He took great pride in sharing good food and good company. One of his proudest achievements was winning first prize for his Cornish pasty at the Norfolk Island Agricultural Show. It was a perfect reflection of Derek's character: whatever he turned his hand to, he gave it his absolute best.

But more than his work or his hobbies, Derek will be remembered for the way he made people feel.

He had a nickname for everyone. Not the usual nicknames, either. Somehow, within minutes of meeting someone, Derek would come up with a name that would stick forever. It was one of his many ways of making people feel seen, welcomed, and included.

He had a wonderful sense of humour and a gift for making people laugh. He could light up a room with a story, a joke, or a mischievous comment delivered with perfect timing.

One story that perfectly captures Derek's humour was the time he met Richard Branson. Most people would have talked about business or airlines. Derek looked him straight in the eye and told him how much he liked his pickles. He found it hilarious that Richard Branson and Branstons Pickle sounded similar. Whether Richard understood the joke is anyone's guess, but Derek certainly enjoyed it and retold the story many times over the years.

That was Derek.

He found humour where others didn't. He made ordinary moments memorable. He made friends wherever he went. He had a way of bringing people together and making them feel at ease.

The final chapter of Derek's life brought many challenges, which he faced with courage and determination. But today is not about those difficult times.

Today we remember the man who built things with his hands, who loved deeply, who welcomed people into his life with open arms, who gave everyone a nickname, who made award-winning Cornish pasties, who loved a good laugh, and who left every room brighter than he found it.

Derek leaves behind his beloved Jean, his family, his many friends, and a lifetime of stories that will continue to be shared for years to come.

He will be missed enormously, remembered fondly, and loved always.

To Jean, he was "My Darling."

To Ian and Sam, he was Pa.

To many, he was Del Boy, D Man, Mr P, or Pedley.

Whatever name we knew him by, we were fortunate to know him.

Rest peacefully, Derek.

Thank You

The Pedley family would like to thank the NI Hospital, Doctors, Nurses, Staff and Ambulance Officers a for all their care given to Derek.

Also, thanks to the Shane the Sexton, the Gravediggers and Hen for the food, Mal Snell and the Council team for the coffin, Mound Decorators and those that donated flowers, Leonard for driving the hearse, Milton for the cross, the pallbearers, wreath makers, the ushers for handing out the service sheets, Tim Thompson for the Police escort, Les for the eulogy, Tim Sheridan for taking the funeral, Toni for the service sheets, Nomes and the Norfolk Island Golf Club for the wake, Trent for the music, Kieran for the Livestream, Wayne Bedford and the School for the vehicles and everybody who have sent messages, called and contributed to this day.

June 20

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

June 20 is the 171st day of the year (172nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 194 days remain until the end of the year.

2019 – Iran's Air Defense Forces shoot down an American surveillance drone over the Strait of Hormuz amid rising tensions between the two countries.

1996 – Space Shuttle Columbia launches on STS-78 to conduct life science and microgravity research aboard the Spacelab module.

1982 – The Argentine Corbeta Uruguay base on Southern Thule surrenders to Royal Marine commandos in the final action of the Falklands War.

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1963 – Following the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Soviet Union and the United States sign an agreement to establish the so-called "red telephone" link between Washington, D.C., and Moscow.



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