



## VALE

Sadness always pervades the whole island when we hear the Pitcairn Anthem recorded at local news time over VL-2-NI and it sad to hear of the death of a long-time resident, Mrs. Doris Harker at the Norfolk Island Hospital on Friday 12th, September.

Doris came to Norfolk Island in 1966 to be near her daughter Enid Chapman who pre-deceased her some years ago. She enjoyed a quiet retirement here with gardening and needlework as her main interests. A gentle and patient woman she made many friends on the island.

We feel her patience and loyalty can only be adequately described in the fact that she became engaged to be married to Adam Wilfred (always known as Wilfred) Harker, just before the 1914-18 war broke out. She waited for him and they were married in 1919 when he returned home. They had two children, Enid and Ian.

Doris (nee Rucroft) was born on 27th April 1895 at Bulls, which is near Palmerston North, New Zealand and was reared on a farm. She enjoyed her retirement on Norfolk in her little home in Mount Pitt Road until 4 years ago when it became necessary for her to become hospitalised.

It was good that Ian was able to come over for the funeral of his mother and our sincere sympathies are conveyed to him and members of the family, to Robbie (husband of the late Enid) Chapman and his wife Dawn who have been so very good to Doris, particularly since she was hospitalised.

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