



*Vale*  
**Janice Lyn Christian**  
*(nee Miller)*

Jan was born on the 10 August 1943 in Sydney, to George and Edna Miller.

Jan and brother John (who came along 5 years later) grew up in the suburb of Punchbowl, where they lived across the road from the Robinson family in Yarren Street, and Jan became a lifelong friend to their daughter Margaret, who was Sam's godmother.

Upon leaving school Jan commenced employment working for the Bank of New South Wales in Sydney, and then travelled to Queensland at the age of 20 to

work on several of the Barrier Reef Islands, including South Molle and Brampton. After that Jan worked two seasons on Lord Howe Island before traveling to Norfolk Island with her friend Kathy Mowat in 1969 to work at the Hotel Norfolk.

It was at this point that Jan met Kevin (Moonie) Christian, who was back on the island on leave from the RAAF. They were married in Cronulla, Sydney in 1970, before returning to live on Norfolk in 1972 to commence building the family home on Prince Philip Drive.

Sam was born in 1973 followed by Scott in 1975. Grandparents, Lorna, Nig and Edna loved getting together with the family, so much that Jan's mum Edna would stay for several months at a time.

Sam recalls Jan's life being very social, with lots of cooking, picnics, barbeques along with dinner parties and drinks and nibbles around a table with board games with family and friends. Jan's cooking was one of envy for many. She was a very dynamic person who loved life and the people that surrounded her. Whether she was playing with the grandkids or entertaining at home she would have this mischievous smile and moments of laughter that was almost contagious to others in her presence, she lived life to the fullest.

Jan returned to full-time work at the Westpac Bank on the island in 1982, which included a two year transfer to Sydney.

In 1987 Jan & Kev's son Scott was tragically killed in an accident whilst living in Sydney, and the family are so happy that Jan is able to be laid to rest beside her Scotty today.

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# VISITING OPTOMETRY SERVICE

**Wednesday 25th to Monday 30th November 2020**

*John will be available for eye examinations, spectacle needs and repairs.*

**For those with health fund extras cover for spectacles, this will be the last trip you can use it before the end of the year as our next visit is January- use it or lose it!**



## APPOINTMENTS

Email John & Dominique at [jk@sunnies.net](mailto:jk@sunnies.net)

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### ***Janice Lyn Christian - continued***

While Moonie worked for Qantas, Jan took advantage of the offering of staff travel which launched her passion for travelling. She travelled the globe with Sam in tow to places such as England, Greece, France, Austria, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. (Staff travel was \$300 return to London back then!)

Jan definitely had caught the travel bug as she continued to explore the world over the years to other places such as Africa, Middle East, Europe, Asia; Jan's footprints were left all around the globe.

At one stage Jan based herself in London for about a year working in a pub at Harrow on the Hill, working for Gaye Wilson from Lord Howe. Sam was still at boarding school, so holidays were either with Lorna on Norfolk or Jan in London.

Bali was also another frequent holiday destination, which left such a lasting impression on Jan that she opened a small shop in The Village called The Bazaar selling all her favourite handicrafts.

In 1995 Sam and Lance were married in Cairns, the plan was to elope but that wasn't to be; Jan being Jan, decided this called for a celebratory party and the word was spread to family and friends at the last minute, who descended on Cairns from Norfolk, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth! As the party ended Jan and close friend Margaret Robinson were spotted sitting in the gutter going over Jan's application for a job in Fitzroy Crossing.

She got that job, and it sure suited her. She turned a bus stop into a bus station, an art gallery and tourist bureau and a library.

Jan absolutely loved the Kimberly region, and was more than happy to host the numerous visitors. Her passion for the area was obvious and her adventures many, most memorable swimming with the crocs in Geikie Gorge and leading the way through a very dark Tunnel Creek with red eyes watching every move.

Jan's first grandchild, Riley, was born in Darwin in 2005. Jan was over the moon. So delighted, she took a job at Charles Darwin University to be close to her growing family. Sam appreciated her support and loved Jan's continuing drive to explore the Northern Territory with baby in tow.

In 2007 the family returned to Norfolk. Jan followed, living in the home she had built in Hibiscus Drive. Georgie was born in 2008 adding to Jan's pleasures.

Jan's love of cooking prevailed, she began baking friands for the markets. She also took to making cards. All very popular with the locals and tourists.

In 2012 Jan travelled to Sydney to undergo medical investigations into episodes of unconsciousness she was experiencing. As a result of this it was identified that Jan had a sizeable brain tumour and underwent surgery in June of 2012. The operation was a complicated one and after 10 hours on the operating table Jan suffered a stroke as a result of damage to a main artery and this left Jan paralysed down her left side. After a period of rehabilitation and recovery in Sydney, it was decided that Jan would return back to the island and so began her 8-year residency at the

Norfolk Island Hospital.

Ruby completed Sam and Lance's family a year later in 2013 and was a welcome distraction and much-loved visitor for Jan at the hospital.

Jan's devoted friends were a constant source of support and love during this time, which included hosting a Fundraiser which provided her with physical support. I believe her hospital visitors themselves got much pleasure in her wavering responses and interactions over the years. As some of the staff said, she became part of their hospital family.

Sam, Lance and family are forever grateful of the love and support that has been shown to Jan over the years, and they are thankful that she is now at rest and no longer suffering. I can just imagine the reunion with Scotty, Edna, George, Margaret and Lorna!

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### **Thank You**

Sam, Lance and family would like to sincerely thank the following people:

Sexton Shane

Grave diggers

Tardy for bringing Jan to her final resting place

NI Police for escort

Pallbearers

Robin Butterfield for wreaths

Wayne Bedford for transport

David Buffett for officiating the service

Jodie Williams for service sheet and music

Milton Bradley for PA system

Lisle Snell for reading the eulogy

John, Shaun, and Twadoo for flying over to support the family

To everyone who sent messages, cards, flowers and food

And finally, the doctors and nurses at the Hospital – your care and compassion for Jan over the past 8 years has been overwhelming and we can't thank-you enough.

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### **NORFOLK ISLAND**

## **CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE**

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