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Joan Marie Kenny

16th February 1939 - 18th January 2018

Joan was named Joan Marie Manning, born 16th February 1939 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Her parents were Alf and Ellie Manning.

Joan was the oldest of Alf and Ellie three children. There is a younger sister Irene and a brother Brian. (Irene and Brian were twins). Brian has predeceased Joan.

Alf Manning managed sheep stations and in Joan's childhood, she experienced a number of moves as he traversed from property to property.

With Joan as a baby, the family lived in Hanmer, before moving closer to Christchurch in 1941, where the twins were born. The next move was to Marlborough. Joan was home-schooled for two years until to next move nearer to a school, which she attended with her siblings.

They rode ponies to school with many other children in the district. Then another move, which Irene told me was a little closer to civilization!

Joan competed at the A&H Show. She won prizes. Best Show Rider. Prizes in knitting and needlework.

The next move was to Blenheim and Joan attended Marlborough College. She did well at college. Her shorthand and typing skills secured her first job in a solicitors office - Gasgoyne Wicks and Walton. This was her only job before coming to Norfolk Island. Some of her Marlborough College contemporaries were also employed at Gasgoyne Wicks and Walton.

They were a playful lot - tricks and jokes were lively daily events. Her subsequent Norfolk Island friends will immediately recognise this part of Joan's character.

Joan met this fellow called Ian Kenny whilst she was at college and she so enjoyed his interests of fishing and diving in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds.

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Joan also interested herself in netball, especially in managing and administration of this sport.

Joan's friends from the Blenheim days remain. Some visited her here in Norfolk Island. She always called on them on her New Zealand journeys. There were saddened to hear of her passing.

Joan married Ian Western Kenny on 11th November 1961 (Armistice Day). She was 22 years. After a honeymoon in the South Island, they came to Norfolk Island where Ian and his father had been making regular journeys associated with the island's then whaling industry.

Joan always spoke very fondly of the islanders - island ladies, who made her welcome upon arrival in 1961. Newly married, new to the island, new to the business of earning a living in a new place, she was nurtured and loved by Edie Randall and others who ensured she shared the produce of their farm and the cakes from their kitchen.

Chris was born in 1963 and Grant in 1966, Christening gowns were made by Edie for them, and Joan's growing family were made part of island living.

Joan too enriched our lives the lives of this place.

Ian and Joan commenced the first glass bottom enterprise here on the island. They became boat fishermen. They brought buses and commenced Kenny's Scenic Tours, and over time with exceptional skills extended this business to include travel agencies, airline agencies, aircraft charter (particularly to New Caledonia in association with Max and Hilliary Sheckleton) and related tourism activities.

There were entrepreneurial and worked diligently in their business. Joan putting Ian's boat in and out of the water at all hours, providing the support services for the fishing activities, and driving buses in their tour operation.

Ian and Joan sold their glass bottom boat and tour operation in 1980. Joan subsequently worked in a series of place: Paton Place, Kasa Kui and Nadia and Maugie's shop and the South Pacific Hotel. She was much valued at all these businesses.

Joan was a golfer. A keen and able golfer who reached a standard to represent Norfolk Island at the South Pacific Games. Given her personality she was the life of the party at all the golf gatherings, and at the regular post golf parties at the Golf Club. Playing cards with Mavis Forbes and Nornie Douran and many others. Maybe a few hands of cards are now in progress above!

Post 1979, Norfolk Island had representation in the Commonwealth Games and participation in the South Pacific Games and Mini Games - and the Norfolk Island Amateur Sports Association bid successfully for Norfolk to host the December 2001 South Pacific Mini Games.

Joan was for many years a committee member of the Amateur Sports Association and was placed on the committee established to run the Games. Months of detailed preparatory work and intense operational details during the games.

Post Games, the organising committee including

Joan was honored at Government House with an Australia Day Award.

The Norfolk Island Amateur Sports Association was also a participant in the assessment of sites for each successive Commonwealth Games. For the 2010 bid there were 2 competitors, Canada and India. Joan Kenny was the representative who traveled to Canada to assess its bid. Tom Lloyd represented the island to assess India. This was serious international sport administrative duties performed by Joan Kenny.

The Lions Club was chartered in Norfolk Island in 1964, just 3 years after Ian and Joan arrived here. A male club in those days. Ian was a Charter Member, President, Life Member and Melvin Jones Fellow.

Joan very loyally and ably supported Ian in his Lion Club role, especially as Norfolk Island hosted district conferences in 1974, 1980, 1987, 1992 and 2001. They hosted Lions World President Lloyd Morgan at the 1980 convention.

Ian was very good at watering the troops and the Executives. Joan fed them all and they were well fed. Someone commented to me that she could make the most delicious chocolate coconut slice in her sleep!! Lions, however, was Ian's passion!

Joan's opportunity for personal leadership in community work arrived with the charter of the Norfolk Island Quota Club in 1979. Joan was Charter Member. The current President of Quota. Maureen King has written that Joan achieved 39 years of active membership. Joan quietly and without hesitation exerted true leadership of Quota in all the executive positions, President, Secretary, Treasurer. The Quota Club has embarked upon various programs, caring for other people.

Some examples of Joan's participation include in 1982 while Joan was President - 2 cardiac beds for the hospital, equipment for the Intensive Care Ward; 1987 commencement of a Diabetic Clinic, a programme for the health and welfare of the mature woman, hearing and speech impaired programme. In 2003 while Secretary Joan helped raise funds for heart start machine and large print books at the Library.

There are continuing programmes of support to combat Cancer such as Pink Ribbon Day and Daffodil Day.

Joan was awarded Life Membership in 2014 recognising her massive contribution to Quota. She has an impressive Certificate of Life Membership to mark this achievement.

Joan, often accompanied by Ian, represented Norfolk island at several Quota International Conventions. She and Joyce Dyer, with Joan's well known sense of fun, performed a number of humorous skits at these conventions and they returned home with many a laugh to share, along with the reports of the sterling work performed internationally by Quota.

Joan Kenny's name features with Beres Pritchard and Peg Whitaker in the hallowed halls of Quota Region 13. These three being true friends since 1979.

Joan was an insightful member of the Immigration Committee, a statutory role performed when Norfolk

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Island had control of its own immigration entity and policies. She was much valued there.

Joan Kenny, the lady from Blenheim to Norfolk Island, was much traveled. Yes, in the island context from the Chattsams, New Caledonia, Fiji and others. Also her progressive travel to Europe, Asia and America attending Lion Conventions and Quota Club International destinations.

What is not to be forgotten is her Australian Outback Travel in 2002 / 03.

To Young where Chris and Leanne and family live, Hay, Mildurra, then with Emus, kangaroos, wombats and wild goats on the way, to Broken Hill, underground living at White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Cobar, Bourke, Nyngan, Narromine, Parkes, Forbes, back to Young. Almost sounds like the song 'I've been everywhere man'.

Especially given her travels, Joan was a bit of a collector. She had knick knacks from places she visited but had a discerning eye for nice pieces. She had many photo albums of her journeys. They are an amazing collection of photographic images.

Joan and Ian had two sons: Chris (Christopher Francis) and Grant (Grant Western).

Chris is married to Leanne and they have three sons. Brady, Morgan and Taylor. Brady, Morgan and Taylor will read to us in a moment. Morgan is now married to Hannah.

Grant is married to Catherine and they have a daughter Rosie.

They're all here this afternoon.

Irene I mentioned earlier is here, and she is accompanied by her two daughters, Sheryl and Kim.

Melissa and Sally, daughters of Joan's late brother Brian are here.

We give them all, and those who cannot be present, our love and affection, and support in their grief and their loss.

Joan was immensely proud of her family. As grandchildren came along and made their way in the world, Joan was always interested in what they were up to. They gave her great pleasure.

Interestingly it was Hannah, Morgan's wife, who made the observation at the time of family talking about their times with Joan - she made the observation that Joan always wore red nail polish! A number of members of the family have nail polish today as a tribute to Joan.

They recall with joy her generous qualities and for being inclusive. Joan was careful to include all the family in their times of family gatherings.

Ian and Joan were a team. Joan found it difficult after Ian's passing in 2009 but she was stoic, never a complaint.

When her illness progressed and she was eventually hospitalized, she naturally would have preferred to return home but in her characteristic way she loved and appreciated the people who looked after her and enjoyed the company of her peers at the hospital, particularly Les and Beryl in earlier times and more recently Marie and Norma. And they loved her.

When Ian and Joan arrived in 1961 they did not plan to stay long - 5 years was the projection they made. Yes, both stayed for the rest of their days, that's 57 years for Joan!!

How lucky as a community of people in this island place, have we been to have Joan's presence for beyond half a century.

May she rest in peace.

Thank You

To, Those people and friends on Norfolk Is that have given of their Time, Love and Support to my Dear Sister Joan Kenny

I thank them most sincerely.

Joan enjoyed my weekly phone calls, so a big Thanks to the Staff at the Hospital for making that possible, and for their devoted care.

Norfolk Is has a special place in my heart, because of the memories of all the visits, and the special people I've met.

I Thank you sincerely once again.

Irene Jamieson, Husband Bruce & Family.
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What An Amazing Island!

Thank you to all who helped us to farewell our mum, mother-in-law, gran and sister, Joan Kenny.

The kindness shown by so many have blessed us with love and given us strength.

We don't want to miss anyone so will just say for you all may God fill you with His love and strength for your journey.

Love from Chris, Leanne, Grant, Catie, Irene and families.



Joan Kenny.

As President of the Norfolk Island Quota Club and on behalf of our Members and Friends, it is an honour and a privilege to share with you the role Joan had as a Quota Club Member.

A role that will forever be, a huge part in the Club's history.

Joan Kenny, until her passing, was a Charter Member of the Club. Indeed, the Norfolk Island Quota Club was chartered on 15 August 1979, nigh on thirty nine years and For thirty nine years Joan Kenny was an active Member.

The Quota Club had a need for a leader and Joan, quietly and without hesitation exerted true leadership in all executive positions in the Club down through the years. With much sadness Joan had to resign her position as Club Secretary, being re-elected at every Annual General Meeting since 1999.... Due to her illness

The essence of knowledge is having to apply it and Joan's gift of Quota knowledge was truly invaluable. Present and past Members will agree. To recognise the massive contribution Joan gave to the Norfolk Island Quota Club she was made a Life Member in 2014.

Joan, in her very quiet and unassuming way possessed the ultimate qualities of a leader.

- L - LOYALTY
- E - ENERGY
- A - ABILITY
- D - DEDICATION and DEPENDABILITY
- E - ENTHUSIASM
- R - RESPECT and REVERENCE

Joan, with her late husband Ian, coupled with the late Joyce and her husband Allen attended and represented the Norfolk Island Quota Club at several Quota International Conventions. Joan and Joyce raised the Norfolk Island flag with much pride bringing Norfolk to the other Quota Clubs all around the world. Socially, Joan and Joyce performed well giving many

humorous skits and much enjoyed by the audiences ... the "Two J's done good~

In returning home Joan and Joyce were able to bring much formal Quota information back to Club Members. (Joan and Joyce accompanied Ian and Allen to Lions International Conventions too) Quota Region 13 also recognised Joan's contribution and honour her today. Beris Pritchard and Peg Whitaker, the three being true friends since 1979.

*We are all here to celebrate Joan's life
And the memories of its worth
And Joan, every single life you touched
While you were here on earth
We wish to pay our last respects
To thank you for your loving friendship
And all the years of service you gave
To Quota, to our community and
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You loved our Lord so it's "Goodbye"
But not the end.*

Truly

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