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Julie-Anne Menzies

7th February 1965 - 3rd June 2023

Julie-Anne Menzies was born on Norfolk Island on 7 February 1965 to Stephen "Wacko" & Elizabeth "Tag" Menzies. Julie was the youngest of 5 children. She is survived by her 3 siblings Nancy, Moose and Henry. Her eldest brother Yarm passed away in 2016.

Julie did her schooling at the Norfolk Island Central School. On completion of her schooling she relocated to Sydney and successfully completed a 12 month secretarial course. Julie then returned to Norfolk Island and was employed in the Philatelic Section of the Norfolk Island Administration.

She spent many happy hours working with the local Philatelic ladies and thoroughly enjoyed this time of her life. She relayed many funny stories from her time in Philatelic.

In 1988 Julie got itchy feet and decided it was time to move to the big smoke. She travelled to Sydney and with assistance of family there she purchased a Holden HR and drove up to Brisbane. The Holden HR on reaching Brisbane was put in cotton wool as she was not confident of driving in the city.

After a few months she rang her Mum and confidently told her that she had a new job. When her Mum asked what was her new job - Julie replied - driving Brisbane Council passenger buses. Her mum expressed a bit of concern as she had not driven her Holden HR very far in Brisbane - but Julie said she was going to do a course with Brisbane City Council and they would teach her everything she needed to know.

Her first posting was at Light Street Bus Depot. Julie remained at Light Street Bus Depot until its closure she was then transferred to Virginia Bus Depot where her employment continued until early June 2023.

She received several commendations for her kindness and assistance to elderly passengers. She was extremely popular with her workmates and made many friends with her quick wit and her wicked Norfolk sense of humour.

Julie was an avid sports woman she played Netball, Touch Football and Ladies Rugby Union. She was a

one eyed supporter of the Brisbane Broncos and in her words "the mighty Maroons" - she had great pleasure telling her sister how many games NSW had lost.

In September 2021 Julie was diagnosed with cancer. She commenced chemo treatment on New Year's Eve of that same year. In June 2022 Julie was advised that her chemo treatment needed to be reviewed and she commenced a new treatment. In April of this year treatment was withdrawn. Nancy and I spent many months in Brisbane assisting and caring for Julie during this extremely sad and difficult time.

On Monday 29 May 2023 Julie was admitted into Palliative Care at Redcliffe Hospital. On 3 June 2023 after being so brave and strong Julie lost her battle to cancer.

She passed away peacefully with Nancy, Henry & myself by her side and her favourite singer Tina Turner belting out *Simply the Best*.

One week after her passing her workmates organised a Memorial Service to celebrate her life. The Memorial Service was attended by fellow drivers and members of the management team from Brisbane City Council.

At the Memorial Service the family learnt from the Management team that Julie had been the longest serving female bus driver employed by them - she drove buses for 33 years. It was with great pleasure that we were able to tell management and her workmates

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that she absolutely loved her job and she missed her work mates every day during her illness. We thank Julie's workmates for being so caring and supportive to her throughout her illness.

Thank You

The family of the late Julie-Ann Menzies would like to sincerely thank Phyllis Brown and staff at the Norfolk Hospital for their assistance.

David Buffett for the wonderful service. Shane Quintal and the grave diggers. Robin Butterfield and the wreath makers and to all who donated the beautiful flowers. Jodie Williams who made a sad time so much easier.

Tardy for driving the hearse, the pall bearers and Wayne Bedford for the use of the van. Hen and class mates for the guard of honour. Milton Bradley and Lions Club for the sound system. To all the amazing sullen who feed all ucklun for days.

Thank you to the Norfolk community for the kindness shown to our family during this sad time. Dar thing fu Tina Turners yourlie es *"Simply the Best"*.

The family also sends a big thank you to our sister's General Practitioner Dr Jeanne Carpenter, Dr Gemma Hartnett, Oncologist and the nurses at the Redcliffe Hospital Cancer Clinic and a big thank you to the Nursing Staff at the Redcliffe Hospital Palliative Care Unit for their compassion and kindness shown to her.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Jo Lewis and Tom Brown and to her work mates at Virginia Bus Depot and to the Light Street Depot for your assistance and Kindness shown to our sister.



In Loving Memory

Lorraine Pamela Foster

Much loved and adored Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Always remembered Never forgotten. We love and miss you everyday,

Steve, Honi, Jeremy and Gold Coast family Joean, Mal, John, 8 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren.

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