

VALE

The funeral of the late Geoffrey Hazzard was conducted by the Rev. Les Thompson at All Saints, Kingston, last Sunday afternoon.

Readers may remember that Geoff died in Melbourne a few weeks back and it was his special wish that he be buried on Norfolk, where he would be "home".

Geoff was pre-deceased by his wife Margaret. They lived at Cutter's Corn for some 13 years and made many friends here, their daughter Mary Lou Jelbart coming often with her two daughters, Philippa and Serena.

Geoff's daughter Mary Lou and her daughter Philippa, son Dr. Christopher Hazzard and his wife Veronica, came from Melbourne to be present at the funeral service on Sunday.

Geoff was born in London and attended the Imperial College, London qualifying as a Chemical Engineer and taking a job with the Shell Oil Company. He and Margaret were married prior to World War II, going to live and work in Trinidad in the West Indies.

In 1950 the family moved to Borneo where Geoff built and managed an oil refinery with Christopher and Mary-Lou attending school in Australia.

Later Geoff and Margaret moved to Australia where Geoff started his second career as a Research Scientist, eventually working as an oil and gas consultant in the Bass Straits.

When they shifted to Norfolk Island Geoff made many visits overseas in his capacity as consultant while Margaret occupied a lot of her time in historical research, writing and publishing two books here on the island. "Punishment Worse than Death" and "The Commandants" while to and froing between Norfolk and Melbourne to teach at her Author's Club.

Grandchildren - Mary-Lou's daughters Serena and Philippa were annual visitors, having their 'second' Christmas always on the island with Geoff and Margaret.

Geoff and Margaret both loved the island and were reluctant to leave but Margaret's health dictated the move to Melbourne. They left behind many friends. Geoff was a great help to lots of people in his professional capacities and we always found both he and Margaret delightful people to know and enjoy their friendship.

Geoff himself suffered a stroke in 1986, never really rallying from that.

To Dr. Chris and Veronica, Mary-Lou and her family, we convey our sincere sympathies in the loss of father and grandfather and know that they are comforted in the knowledge that Geoff was able to "come home" to rest.

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We were saddened and shocked to hear of the death in Sydney last Tuesday, of Kim Coffey, wife of popular schoolteacher Gerry Coffey.

Kim was only 31 years old and leaves a young family of Adam and Amy.

Our heartfelt sympathies are with Gerry and his little ones during this distressing time.

The funeral, we have been advised, will be at 10 am. today from the funeral parlors of David Lloyd, Brunker Road, Adamstown., 2289. Gerry's address is 18 Beryl Street, Warner's Bay, 2282.

As we go to press, we understand that a Memorial Service is to be held at St. Barnabas Chapel on Monday afternoon at 3.30 pm. Confirmation of this will be broadcast over VL-2-NI.

ALMOST PART OF THE FURNITURE!

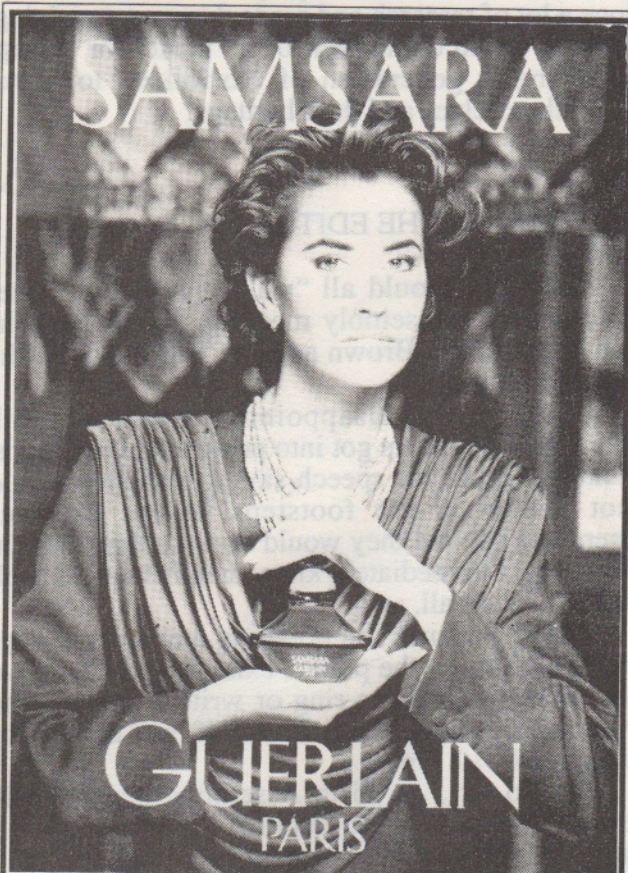
However, the furniture that he attends to is a very precious commodity of any household - the piano!

Tony Lette, piano tuner from Toongabbie, Sydney, has been coming to Norfolk Island annually (and a couple of times twice yearly) since 1979!

He is here right now with his wife Krys (who has come with him each time) son Philip, Krys' mother Frances Sydor and her husband Ted and Philip's cousin Adam Wawrzkowicz.

They are staying at Islander Lodge and all very thrilled with the beautiful view and the sea as it is at the moment - very blue and quite a few 'white horses' around.

Tony only gets to see the view before he leaves each morning and when he gets back for dinner at night. He is here for a fortnight and has a busy schedule ahead.



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