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Maeve Millicent Hitch

1st October 1930 - 19th October 2017

Maeve was born Mavis Millicent Blucher on 1st October 1930. She was the daughter of Hagar Louise, one of dems fe Mummy Lou and Daddy Bill's, and Leslie Adolph Blucher. Maeve sadly passed away peacefully at the Norfolk Island hospital on Thursday night October 19th 2017 – aged 87 years. She enjoyed good health most of her life until the last year or so when her illness was diagnosed.

Maeve grew up on Norfolk and lived at Potts Farm until at the age of age 10 she left Norfolk with her Mum, her brother Billy and her cousin Charley and sailed on the Morinda to Sydney where they lived in Woolahra. Maeve attended the Darlinghurst Girls School together with her cousin Julie who had become part of the family.

Having completed her schooling she joined her Auntie Beattie and Gwenny King (nee Kilbourne) at a factory in Sydney making handbags.

Maeve's first husband was Karl Davies. Ttheir three children were - Kim, Karlene and Adam.

She had 8 Grandchildren - Shannon, Carli, Ronan, Temanu, Atua, Reva, Kenzie and recently this year Hunter, and also 3 great-grandchildren - Aurora, Ella and Riley.

Maeve and Karl with their family moved back to Norfolk from Sydney in 1963 living in Cutters Corn, bringing with them Norfolk Island's first hire cars - which were 3 white morris minors.

A few years later they bought the premises at Middlegate from Effy Rigby which they converted into a grocery and hardware store also selling petrol. That building is currently known as "Sweeties".

Maeve later met Gill Hitch, whom she married in December 1973. Gill at the time was Official Secretary to the Administrator.

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Maeve strongly believed in preserving the Norfolk way of life and culture, especially the traditional Tahitian island dancing, and for many years taught it to the younger generation on the Island and also dancing at many functions herself. Maeve also shared her skill and love of island plaiting. Over the years Maeve has represented Norfolk in a number of capacities – at the Pacific Festival of Arts in Townsville and Raratonga and as a representative of the Norfolk Island Tourist Bureau promoting Norfolk at the Royal Easter Show and other locations.

Maev usa tull gwen to Pitcairn was one of the highlights of hers life.

Norfolk and its way of life was Maeve's passion. She was totally supportive of the aims and objectives of the group Norfolk Island People for Democracy and was saddened to witness the changes that have occurred in recent times.

Maeve was also a very notable artist and her paintings are held in private and public collections both here and overseas.

Maeve had the typical Norfolk sense of humour and was always someone who was admired for her striking looks and friendly personality.

One of the stories Maeve told us was when she, Billy and Charlie were coming home from school, when Brookie Christian was alive, and near the low top pine opposite Ball Bay he used to grow melons. The three of them decided to go into the melons. They had some ready to take when they heard Brookie coming so they climbed up in the tree. They kept very quiet but next thing they heard: "Wuthing yorlye doen" and Charlie tull: "oh dem tulla ucklun ar boet due in and we jus climb up ere tree fe see whedda dar boet daun in Ball Baey"!!!

Maeve was also the type of person that was fun to play tricks on. Kim relayed a story to me of how he was helping her wash the dishes up one night. "Mum was washing and I was drying them and whenever Maeve turned away I would put the clean dishes back in the sink to be washed again. After a very long period of time washing dishes Mum tulla me "I nor thought we awa gwen done de damn thing".

Norfolk's ghost stories fascinated Maeve so much that she gathered some of them together and published them in a book.

Maeve was a very tolerant and understanding person, and sometimes had to be, like when the police called to the house one morning asking why was her prized Holden station wagon se pilly on the top of the bunker on the golf course. You'll have to ask Kim about that one!

Maeve loved attending the Sunday church service and always looked forward to ending her Sunday mornings after church having a cuppa in one of the Island's coffee shops with her good friends Margie, Gordie and Edie.

Maeve was not only a sister, mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother – she was so much more to so many different people. To those of us who live here and to the many visitors she has entertained

over the years. Maeve has left a very important legacy She is one of Norfolk's treasures and will live in our hearts always.

Thanksfe ucklun, Maeve.

Thank You

We lika thank all uwus family en friends det se come croes for farwell mumma, we know some uwus sullun had a hell of a lorgn, en expensive, trip fe get yu.

Shane, Tardy en dem grave diggers, dem nurse ena doctor up dar hospital.

David Fell for the service en Chibet for his reading, dem pall bearers, en em gael for all dem flower and all dem sullun det bin sen a card, fone up en sen a messages gen uwu

Jodie Williams for all she usa do for uwu, Dem Island darncen gael.

David for the fish cook-up.

En especially Karlene, she bin care for mumma en nawa bin lewe her side de whole time she bin sore.

Thank you for uwuw

from Maeve's family

To Maeve

I will miss you beautiful lady. We were so special to each other. Being a proud Norfolk Islander of Pitcairn lineage meant so much to you and they changed that with a stroke of a pen.

You were passionate about our culture and heritage dem nawa gwitten ter dar way, and we nawa gwhena lorse ours ways.

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Arni Loos

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