

Vale Moira Robinson 29.07.1933 – 30.08.2020

The funeral was held at Norfolk Island Cemetery on

6 September, allowing time for family to arrive. Moira Christian was born on Norfolk Island to Albert Louis Christian (Teddy Ike), (son of Clara Aimee Bataille and Isaac Goldie Christian) and Mary Elizabeth Shaw (Doll) who was born in Glenn Innes, Sydney, daughter of Thomas Fielding and Sarah Jane Shaw

Moira had an older brother Fredrick Walter (Rubber).

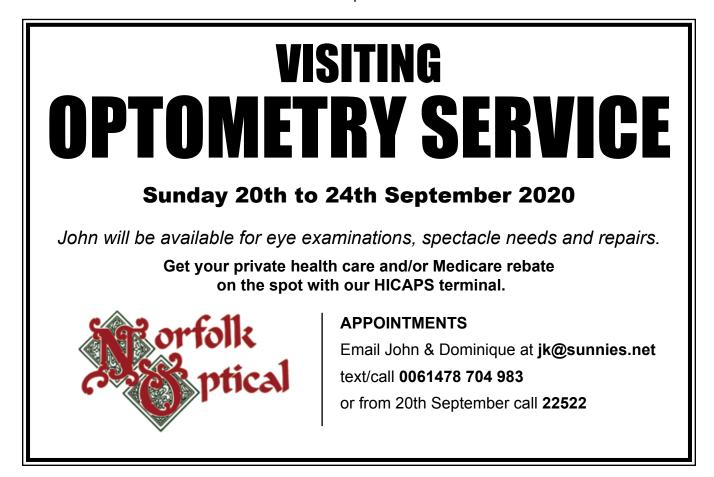
Moira grew up in her family home at Channers Corner down past "The Pines" on Taylors Road. She went to Norfolk Island school and then later moved to Sydney (when Teddy Ike was hospitalized) where she finished schooling and in her last year was selected as the girl's school captain. She started work in a bookshop in Sydney and completed a sponsored bookkeeping course that gained her a job at a bank in Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Moira was on holiday in New Zealand when she was reacquainted with John Southey Robinson and they were eventually married in Auckland on 6th August 1952. Mum and Dad's dynasty extends to seven children (Wayne, Lee, Bruce, Mark, Rhona, Glenn and Larren), twenty grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren with the fourteenth due in November. At this point, we remember Lee, who drowned at Lone Pine some twenty-two years ago, the only child to pass before our parents.

Moira's focus was firstly her children and extended family, which she fearlessly protected through the years and instilled a sense of right and wrong in us all; setting up the books for Robinson Marine Engineering Ltd and supporting Dad through his Freemasonry years. Moira love to cook and play board games, she was still playing Chinese checkers up until her last days. She was known for her fish-in-cream, sponge, scones, caramel slice and many types of traditional Norfolk pie.

I had recently asked Moira what her best memory growing up on Norfolk was, to which she replied "getting the cows in for Lou Bataille and helping with the milking", amazing that must have been about 1943/44. In Sydney she loved the bank job and the freedom that it gave her (back in 1951/2).

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While we were growing up I recall mum learning Spanish guitar and in particular the Segovia LP's that she use to listen to in order to get her technique right.

In 1981 Moira and John sold up Robinson Marine in Auckland and moved back to Norfolk Island, living at "Moira" until they separated. Moira created a guest house and tea house at "Moira" and after a few years sold up and bought Anson Bay Lodge and ran this for a period time until retiring to Calebs Lane, where she started yet another tea house for a few years until a couple of falls put an end to the tea house.

Mum your passing is going to create a huge gap in this family, you will never be forgotten for you will always be in our hearts.

Thank You

On behalf of the entire family, I want to tull es thanks yorlye from all ucklun..

Specifically:

The doctors and hospital staff for their untiring support

David Fell for the service

Shane and the gravediggers

The pallbearers

Robyn & Eddie for the wreaths

Meg + Slack, Karina & Boo for the flowers

Tardie for driving the Hurst and the coffin makers Last but not least Trent for leading the Pitcairn Anthem.

Also a special thank you to those who travelled from Australia to farewell their mother/grand-mother and finally to all who came to the funeral to give a very special lady the sendoff she deserved.

Norf'k Laengwij Werken ~ Norfolk Language Workshop

Monday, 21 September at 6pm

Christian's Cave, Pitcairn Settlers Village

For those who are passionate about Norf'k; who would like to promote, preserve, learn or exercise their fluency, I invite you to a meeting for an open discussion.

Seating is restricted



Kids Club and Unit Youth Update

The Combined Churches run Kids Club (K - 5) and Unit Youth (6 up) during school term. It was a shame to not be on for a quarter of a year – with Covid and the birth of my son – but it's been great to be back, and we had an amazing term 3! In our groups,we have a lot of fun together. My highlights from this term was cardboard shield dodgeball at Kids Club and archery attack at Unit. We've also had shark fishing, Wacky Olympics and even a progressive dinner!

Along with all this, we also spend time in the Bible. This term, we learnt about all the things that Jesus does for us. At Kids Club, we also learnt a humungous memory verse – Ephesians 2.8-10 – check it out. I was impressed with how well everyone did with it!

I would like to thank Ferny Lane Theatre for our visit and everyone who helped with our Kingston Foot Progressive dinner (incl. Lions Club and Government house).



Kids Club and Unit return in term 4 week 1. But in the school holidays, we will be running a Robotics competition. Contact me for more info -50737 – jono. thomas@gmail.com.

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Gaye Evans