



Vale

Patricia Christian Magri

14 April 1945 - 17 December 2019

Whilst speaking to a friend recently, I described my difficulty in understanding the rhyme and reason for our life's journey, why in amongst happiness and joy it has been chosen to take those that we love so dearly, early.

He said to me life is similar to a work of tapestry. On the underneath side of the work we see a jumble of intertwining threads and knots which we could compare as our lives, there is no rhyme. One day, however, and with faith, we will find out the answer to all our questions and the purpose of the tapestry will be revealed. The other side of the work.

I have given much thought to this analogy and whilst I have no doubt in what my friend described as true, I would like to describe that tapestry work in a different perspective.

What I see on one side is a beautiful piece of work, colourful and flawless in every sense, made with dedication and commitment. The other side of the work is the intertwining of threads, the overlays and knots.

That was our Mum and friend to many, a beautiful piece of work that intertwined the lives of so many.

Patricia Christian Mitchell was born out at Bishops Court, Norfolk Island on the 14th April 1945. She was one of 2 children born to Norah Jane Mitchell (nee Christian) ula Jeanie to all and James Frederick Mitchell.

Jimmy her younger brother was born in 1947 and sadly predeceased Mum.

Dem bin use lew up behind Westpac in ar side fer Jack en Di Fitzpatrick and was known as "Hettea"

Mum bin usa describe hers early childhood with much joy and happiness. Plenty time was spent with hers grandmother Aunt Em ula as she bin usa call her Mum Nash.

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She also bin use a talk highly of her Uncle Alex who simmis thing bin always like a be round a sullen, party and howe a good time. So, dars side you get et from Chrissy!!

Norfolk back den was dar much smaller en all the families simmis thing was dar much closer and Aunt Ems was always a hive of activity.

Mum's dad passed away whilst she was quite young. Sometime later Mum became quite sick and Jeanie took both Mum and Uncle Jim to Sydney where Mum spent 10 months in and out of Camperdown hospital.

Later they moved to Melbourne where both Mum and Uncle Jim completed their schooling. Mum loved her time at MLC in Hawthorn and it was here where she met her 2 life-long friends Celia Bigg and Sue Lefler. Sue is here with us today. Thank you so much for being here Sue. And Celia, need I say more!!

Mum matriculated from school and then commenced Medical Technology at Monash University and worked with Professor Carl Wood, the pioneer of IVF.

In December 1964, Mum brought Celia and another friend to Norfolk for a holiday. This is where Celia met Archie and Mum met Dad as he was holidaying here with a mate at the same time.

Mum was married to Dad in 18th December 1965 out ar chapel with the reception gain round Aunt Ems.

I came along in 1966, Chris in 68, Greg in 1969 and who in himself has a special story and is an inspiration to us all. Lastly Susan in 71. Four lettle sullun in 5 years and man way she and Dad bin use a look out fer ucklun!! What a childhood we all had and, man way she bin el cook.

Mum had many passions in life which over the years steadily took more and more of her time.

Starting up in ar ole Bean Shed with Famco, the Wives and Mothers Club, and the Tupperware Club in the early 70's lornfer Celia, Robin Culla, Anne Plute, Jan Coop, Fenella Evans and Pat Anderson. These are

but a few names that come immediately to mind.

Mum had a great passion for music which I think started from her father who also had a love for music and who Mum described as having a lineage back to Dame Nellie Melba. I am pretty sure it was Mum's dad who taught Uckoo how fer play the piano accordion.

Mum took that love of music and shared it with the community through the local radio. Plenty of yorlye would remember her radio program orn a Thursday night playing plenty of dem good ole music simmis Nat King Cole, Pat Boone en Jim Reeves en dem along with classical music.

It was the era before TV ya so plenty sullen bin use a listen to the radio en was quite popular particularly to the older sullen.

I remember one time or maybe it was more, I ring she up en put orn one old sulluns voice en tull "Oh Patti use music how gude". She narwa had a clue es me en I run with et until I car hold et anymore. Man she Nunnu!!

In 1982, Mum started at the school as the librarian and quickly initiated new programs into her library including relocating the library, building the Information and Technology section of the Library and, introducing TAFE Courses in Information Technology for students and adults. Even today people would value those skills taught. She was extremely proud of our school and its students. Mum did 13 years as a librarian and 17 years as a teacher/librarian - a total of 30 years.

Mum was also a local magistrate.

One passion in particular that sticks out in our minds and one that generations ahead of us will come to cherish, was her foresight to preserve our Norfolk Island heritage.

Many a night when we es lettle sullun she would get old Norfolk Islanders out to our home and record their memories and stories of a begone era. Moos times we kids were not allowed to be in the room whilst she did

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the recordings because, and you nor gwen believ et when I larn, was when she did the playback of each recordings, more often than not Greg's loud booming voice or laugh could be heard in the background.

Ef yorlye el bear with me one moment I'd liked to share a recording as an example which we were allowed to be present, it was with old Sid Christian, dars Megan Christian's grandfather. He talked with such emotion and laughter that more often than not tears of sadness or laughter would be streaming down his face.

He told us of being one of the few sullun dat ewa get fer see Hayleys Comet twice, how whilst fighting in the 1st world war in France he run into Lala Buffett en go orn leave lorngrfer hem and stop lorgfer Susan Nobbs in London, how he run into Brud Adams who bus out cly cause he narwa bin see anybody from Norfolk fer 3 years and how after the war, orn dems way hoeme dem call in orn Pitcairn en he get all his maetes throw dem shoe en clorthe down in dem lorngr boats fer dem main.

An absolute treasure and is with us for eternity. Those and so many more. Thank you, Mum!!

She personally instigated the Living Library through the NICS system, helped with the Norfolk Legacy recordings and helped Ronny Nobbs with his work in the preservation of our human contribution to the great wars and other conflicts.

Mum and Dad went their separate ways in the early 1990s, both forging new and lasting friendships.

Mike came into Mum's life and together achieved many things and travelled extensively. Mum thought the world of you Mike and, I know you of her. We are there for you brud.

Mum's true challenge came in early 2016, when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Fewer people have I seen take up a fight with such determination and positivity. The power of the mind is a truly amazing thing and we are sure helped in her fight for all those years.

Mum, in all her 4 foot something, was a force to be reckoned with when she put her mind to anything and, we all thought for a long time that she would beat this horrible disease.

Sadly, that was not to be and on Tuesday evening she peacefully passed away with family and friends close around her.

Mum, Trish, Friend, a teacher to the end and the keeper of stories,

Rest in Peace!!

Thank You

Mike and the family would like to express our sincere thanks to the Doctors and hospital staff for their wonderful care, the wreath makers, Reverend David Fell, the Sexton and grave diggers, the pall bearers, Milton Bradley and the Lions Club for the PA system, the hearse and driver, and everyone who visited, cooked and sent messages and cards, from near and far.

It has all been so very much appreciated by us.

Thank You

Thanks to all the loving caring staff, crews, (dr and nurses, hospital staff, ambos, flight crews, borders,) and family for ensuring my safety and wellbeing culminating in a very swift medivac from Norfolk Island on Xmas Eve.

My heart breaks because my stay was cut so dramatically short.

However the overwhelming care, love and concerted professional attention speaks volumes to the unwavering culture of Norfolk Islands people.

Doctor J and Carlie and pilots onboard the life flight took on the persona of Norfolk Islanders by being both professional and fantastically funny delivering me safely to Kiwi. Ensuring my mind body and soul remained intact.

I am Forever indebted.

And lastly to Fishy n Storky and my 'other ultra Norfolk Family members'... all myse luw.

Lizzie Tagg

Sudoku Number 406 - Medium

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SUDOKU RULES

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

Last week's solution