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**Phyllis Joyce Parker**

***1st December 1926 - 18th June 2022***

We are gathered here today in memory of our mother & grandmother and great-grandmother Phyllis Joyce Parker so that together we may acknowledge and share both our joy in the gift of her life and the pain of her passing.

Nana was born on the 1st December 1926 in Tinonee (near Taree). She attended Tinonee Primary School until the family moved to Rozelle and then went to Fort Street Girls High School in Sydney. Nana married Pa when she was 21. The family lived in Springside St Rozelle until they settled on their beautiful waterfront home in Henley.

Henley to all of us was where many memories were made from wedding receptions to wild parties from the kids where nana would pick up the pieces the next day. Many Norfolk Islanders dropped into Henley to bbq and waterski.

After Pa's retirement, they built and moved to a new home on Currarong Beach on the South Coast of NSW where they lived for 15 years. Their last move before coming to Norfolk was Noosa Heads for approximately 8 years. In 2003 they decided to settle on Norfolk after Pa suffered a stroke.

Nana was married to Pa for 64 years until his death in 2011. Nana had 4 children – Lisbeth (mum) who we lost 20 years ago, Stephen, Debbie and Fred. She had 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren.

Nana was one of 6 sisters. Unfortunately, the 3 surviving sisters Edna, Ruby and Valerie are unable to attend today but have sent memories to share.

The most important thing in Nana's life was her family. Nana had the ability to recall the birthday's of not only her siblings, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren but also classmates who she attended primary school with. Nana loved cooking and was also very proud of her garden where she would spend many enjoyable hours before she required a walker.

She was also an avid reader (loved a Mills & Boon romance novel) and read thousands of books from both the local library and e-books. It was not unusual for Nana to finish a substantially sized novel in one day. She got great comfort with reading as her hearing failed her.

I recall a phone call I made to Nana after she told me that she was going to go to lip reading classes before she succumbed to hearing aids. I rang her and said, how did you go at lip reading classes today? She said "not very well love", I said why? She said "well, when I got there, the class was full and I had to sit down the back of the classroom and I couldn't hear a word the teacher was saying". Nana was never one to be assertive and try and find a seat up the front, she was one that never complained, she was gentle and just got on with it.

Nana was 95 and a half when she passed away on Saturday June 18th. It was hard to say goodbye over the last few weeks but more so over the last week due to her recent stroke and her inability to talk, eat or drink. Nana was the perfect patient, always had a smile and never complained.

We would like to thank all the Doctors and Nurses that took such special care in looking after Nana and to her friends that visited her in hospital to have a chat and see how she was going.

Especially, we all would like to thank Deb & Ike for looking after Nana for the past 15 years.

Your dedication to her well being and your unwavering support never went unnoticed.

We are all very appreciative of the love and care you have shown.

Thank you....

Nana & Pa loved living on Norfolk and are now here together again forever.

Goodbye Nana, we all love you and will miss you terribly.

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## **Thank You**

Our family would like to extend our grateful thanks to....

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The NI Police for their escort to Kingston.

To Tardy for driving the hearse and Shane and his team for the grave, and the Pallbearers.

To David Buffett for the lovely Service.

To Milton Bradey for his time and the use of the PA system.

To Robyn and Pat, Edie and their helpers for the amazing wreaths and thanks to all who donated flowers on the day

To Sim for arranging the music.

To all Mums friends who visited her and those who attended the funeral and to those who dropped off cakes etc and the many cards we have received, thank you so much.

To my wonderful family and friends who helped in so many ways, I love you all.

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