

## In Loving Memory



### Yvonne Helena (nee Quintal) Grube

*Affectionately known as 'Vonnies' or 'Queen of the Valley'*

**4th August 1939 – 11th December 2023**

Yvonne Grube was born on Norfolk Island on the 4th August 1939. The eldest of five siblings with sisters Yvette, Odette, Tessa, and brother Brian Adams.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Male deer
5. Wide bay
8. Dance
9. Contours
10. Showers
11. Deportee
12. Parking timer
15. Girl's name
20. Pumas (8,5)
21. Army doctor
25. Jeans clips
28. Centre
29. Kinsman
30. Saturate
31. Munched
32. Talk out of
33. Dawdle

### DOWN

1. Birch broom
2. Intone
3. Ranch animal
4. Garden pest
5. Drills
6. Broad smiles
7. Puccini opera
13. Run away to marry

14. Mental weariness
16. Leaning
17. Sharpened
18. Grandmother
19. Writing liquid
21. Hillock
22. Old gold coin
23. Applaud
24. Gasps
25. Work period
26. Brown pigment
27. Squalid

### Solution to last week's Crossword

A	I	R	C	R	A	F	T	S	L	U	G
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- Isabella Randall – Merit in Mathematical Methods. Effort in English, History Mandatory and Health and Physical Education Mandatory. Issy also receives a Year 10 Subject Award of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Cert 111 in Business from Cairns School of Distance Education.
- Alby Spreag – Excellence in Sports and Recreation. Merit in Marine and Materials and Technologies Specialisations. Equal Effort in Essential Mathematics
- Jaylon Williams – Merit in Sports and Recreation. Effort in Essential English. Equal Effort in Essential Mathematics
- Tahlia Marshman – Excellence in General Mathematics. Merit in Norfolk Language. Equal Merit in Essential English and Science, Effort in Marine. Tahlia also receives my Year Advisers Award for being a resilient, organised and reliable student who is a positive role model to the younger students of NICS.
- Alyssa Miller – Excellence in History Mandatory, History Elective, Civics Citizenship and Health and Physical Education Mandatory. Equal Excellence in Mathematics Methods, English, and Science and Merit in Health and Physical Education Elective. Alyssa is also the Most Outstanding Student in Year 10

**Year 11 Merit Certificates** are presented to:

- River Andrew: Merit in Essential English and Industrial Technology Skills; Effort in Building and Construction
- Mauatua Christian-Reynolds – Excellence in Biology, Equal Excellence in Modern History, Merit in General Mathematics, Equal Effort in General English
- Nakeira Douran - Excellence in Essential Mathematics, Merit in Building and Construction
- Emma Holland - Effort in General Mathematics and Equal Effort in Biology
- Emma Kalangis - Effort in Physical Education, Equal Effort in Physics
- Harley Massey - Merit in Biology
- Cash Mills - Excellence in Numeracy and Equal Effort in Arts in Practice
- Jett Pettet - Excellence in Building and Construction, Effort in Essential English, Essential Mathematics and Industrial Technology Skills
- Bailey Reeves – Excellence in Industrial Technology Skills, Merit in Mathematical

- Methods. Effort in Modern History and Equal Effort in Physics
- Oliver South – Merit in Visual Arts, Arts in Practice and Music in Practice
- Jade Umlauf – Merit in Physical Education. Effort in Psychology and Equal Effort in Biology
- Tertia Ward – Excellence in Essential English. Merit in Essential Mathematics and Equal Effort in Arts in Practice
- Stephanie Williams – Excellence in General Mathematics and Psychology. Merit in General English
- Liam Christian-Bailey - Excellence in Physical Education Merit in Physics and Psychology, Equal Effort in General English and Effort in Mathematical Methods. Liam also receives my Year Advisers Award for Meritorious Academic Achievement and Exemplary Conduct throughout the year.
- Theo Watson – Excellence in General English, Mathematical Methods, Physics and Music in Practice and Equal Excellence in Modern History. Theo also receives a Year 11 to 12 Merit Award for Student success for Year 11 Specialist Mathematics. Theo is also the Most Outstanding Student in Year 11.

**Year 12 Academic Certificates** are presented to:

- Lily Ballin: Equal Merit in Visual Arts
- Dylan Bruce: Merit in Work Studies and Industrial Technology; Effort in Construction
- Fletcher Buffett: Equal Merit in Visual Arts; Effort in Society and Culture and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Ellie Dixon: Excellence in Advanced English, Standard Mathematics and Society and Culture
- Jasmine Gabuat: Effort in English Studies and Merit in Business Studies
- Semra Harb – Excellence in Business Studies, Merit in English Studies and Construction. Semra is unable to be with us tonight
- Logan Hazell: Merit in Advanced English, Investigating Science and Society and Culture, Effort in Biology
- Asher Henderson: Effort in Business Studies
- Heidi Thomas: Excellence in Numeracy, English Studies and Hospitality and Effort in Investigating Science
- Flynn McCowan: Excellence in Work Studies, Construction and Industrial Technology. Merit in Standard Mathematics and Effort in Standard English.
- Jordan Murray: Merit in Hospitality
- Riley Quintal: Excellence in Advanced Mathematics and Modern History, Merit in Standard English, Equal Effort in Physics
- Saffron Snell: Effort in Numeracy.
- Aimee Waterland: Effort in Hospitality
- Natalie Williams: Merit in Advanced Mathematics, Biology and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Effort in Advanced English

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### ***Vonnie - conitnued***

10. Mum was mechanic. In most of her life she could fix a chainsaw or mower, but of more recent years, Mum could dabble with cars. Remember the Red Hyundai Getz? So Rinkus would disconnect the horn and the radio ..... Mum would replace the fuse. Rinkus would then hide the fuse .... Mum would get Cascade Motors to replace the fuses. Rinkus would then visit all mechanics on Norfolk Island leaving instructions not to fix NI 515 radio and horn fuses.
11. Mum was a Doctor. Sorry but this trait will take awhile to explain. As children who lived in creeks and the jungle we obviously had shared baths. Mum would scrub the wax out of our ears until it was open to infection then she would apply very hot poulters straight from the oven .... Talk about learning not to complain about sore ears .
12. Continuing as a Doctor. Mum was a medical scientist. You see in August 2017 Mum went to RPA in Sydney to have a pacemaker inserted. That evening after the procedure Mum had a rather serious fainting spell. The Cardiologist and his Registrar and a few Interns turned up, pulled the curtains, stood with clipboards and a worry look? Vonnie can you explain what happened asked the Cardiologist? Vonnie very quickly told all of them she had CRAFT disease. The Cardiologist turned and looked at her Registrar, the Registrar turned to the Interns, the Interns turned and looked into the curtains. Vonnie what do you mean you have CRAFT disease? With a very wry and deliberate smile Vonnie adjusted her posture and lift her head off the pillow and told the ensemble of brains and academics who are remunerated way above what Vonnie could ever imagine and said ..... Can't Remember a Fíng thing. I can recall the entire ward including the Nurses Station just giggling and laughing and it was a That's Gold moment.

That's Mum to a Tee. Forever a prankster and always one for fun and music. One thing we do know and that is we had the best teachers of all time in Mum and Dad.

On a more sombre note I would like to mention about her later years with Dementia. A cruel disease and one that is different from patient to patient. Mum was one of laughter and cheek and full of music. The loss of her husband and then the need to retire was seemingly part of aging and moving on. But in December 2020 after a large faint the NIHRACS Doctor took away her driver's licence. This was a huge change in her mental and physical state and not easy to explain. Mum wondered onto the road, she talked locals and tourists into allowing her to jump in the back seat of their cars, instructed them to go for drives, and then the family would get a call from say Taan at Paradise to come and pickup Vonnie. So funny without causing a fuss.

Mum relied on family to rise and shine her in the

morning and then to place her into bed in front of her TV every night. No-one complained about caring for their brainy and beautiful Mum and Grandmother in the later years with Dementia. After 66 years at JE Road Mum peacefully passed away to the singing of You Are My Sunshine and the Ship of Fame by her family in her own bed in her own home with absolutely no pain or suffering. Rest in Peace our beautiful Mum.

### **Thankyou Everyone**

Thankyou to everyone both near and far for your amazing words of comfort and healing. Thankyou for the food and produce that seem to be at a never ending flow. Thankyou for the master craftsmen and the Norfk pine coffin, thankyou for the loan of vehicles, thankyou for the families who have travelled to be here today, thankyou to Pastor Ken Weslake for his prayers and dedication to Mum's life, thankyou to Dr Jodie McCoy and James Garden and Lew Quintal and Phyllis Brown, thankyou to the Care Norfolk helpers, thankyou to the wreath makers and the giver of flowers, thankyou to the Sexton and grave diggers and Pall Bearers, thankyou to Leonard and the final trip to Kingston with Mum, thankyou to the Council and Radio Station and the Police, thankyou to Lion Chris for the PA, thankyou to the Bumboras Ukulele Band, thankyou to Luke and Kieran for the 'live' stream, thankyou to the amazing family and friends, and one special mention, thankyou to all of the wonderful people who have been so considerate and careful on JE Road over the years and for your caring calls into the family when you thought Mum was in danger or at risk of placing others in danger. Lastly thank God for his Son and Saviour our Lord Jesus Christ.

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