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## **Chris Dunsmere Pedel**

*6th October 1924 - 20th August 2019*

### *Special Thanks For Chris Pedel*

As many of you know, my Father was a very quiet and private person, but he certainly knew how to leave in a stormy gust of glory.

I would personally like to thank those who attended his funeral last Sunday for braving the weather to come and pay homage to him and his life.

Sincerest gratitude to the RSL for their help and support; to Tardy, the Pall Bearers and the Police for leading the procession; and to Shane, the grave diggers and those who arranged and set up the marquee with the weather being so wet and wild.

My appreciation also goes to the wreathmakers and to those who provided the flowers; to Rev. David Fell for reading the service; to those involved in helping produce the program; and to the many helping hands and volunteers who assisted on the day.

To the Norfolk Island hospital staff in particular - thank you for your dedication in ensuring Dad was well cared for during his time in hospital.

Special thanks also to the many friends who have expressed their care. Your support and compassion has been paramount.

All the generosity that has been shown is in true Norfolk style.

Dad is now at peace and at rest beside his Mum.

*Cherri*

Chris was an extremely private man and did not want a Eulogy.

This is a brief synopsis of a true gentleman:

Chris Dunsmere Pedel was born on Norfolk Island on 6 October 1924 to Ernest and Augusta Elizabeth Pedel and brother to Doreen.

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### **BRAND NEW LISTING - UNSURPASSED SEA VIEW BEAUTY - EXCLUSIVE AGENT - \$1,050,000**

This brand new listing is one of only a few properties that enjoy full coastal views on Norfolk Island. This property looks over our beautiful swimming beaches and historic Kingston! This home has been built in a beautiful villa style with large open plan lounge and dining area with a walk through to the kitchen. This home also features a two bay garage and a separate one bedroom self-contained flat that is perfect for visitors.



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### **BRAND NEW LISTING - EXCLUSIVE AGENT - MEDITERRANEAN BEAUTY - \$600,000**

A European inspired, masterbuilt two storey house set on 1.801ha of stunning land with majestic views of the mountains. The unique gardens are designed with the combination of dry stone walls, tiered parterres, pergolas, exotic plants and trees giving a truly mediterranean inspired result. The newly built outdoor gazebo is the perfect entertainment area for family and friends to keep cool on summer afternoons. There is plenty of room in the two bay garage and carport for an art studio or workroom.



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### **RED ROOF - EXCLUSIVE AGENT - \$495,000**

This home is built in colonial style with verandahs encircling the house. The gardens are tropical and peaceful and feature many spaces to sit and enjoy the surroundings. This family home features a large open plan kitchen and dining area as well as 5 main bedrooms. The upstairs area of this home is currently a large spacious bedroom with an ensuite but could easily be transformed into an art studio. The house faces North-East with beautiful valley and mountain views.

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### ***Chris Dunsmere Pedel - continued***

He grew up on the island and stayed until he signed up to the armed forces in 1942 and where he remained until he discharged in 1946. He saw active service in Borneo during WW11. He returned to Norfolk Island and undertook work in a number of local industries before joining the Norfolk Island Administration building the local roads.

His first marriage was to Delores and from that marriage came Cherri and Glen.

Chris married Susan in May 1969 and with Susan came her 3 children Lynn, Robert and Julie.

From 1971 the grandchildren started to arrive. Firstly, Shaun, Glen's first son, followed by Bianca, Natasha, Jess, Caitlin, Iain and Kimberley.

Chris has 2 great grand children, Maddison, Shaun's daughter and Elsie Pearl, Caitlin and Judd's daughter. He was lucky to have met both children before his passing. He also has 2 step great grand children Joel and Zara.

Chris loved his sport and over the years he played tennis, golf and pool competitively and even marbles. Some years ago he was the Pool Champion at the RSL. He also loved his golf and after retiring he became part of "Dad's Army" and once a week the old boys could be seen on the golf course hitting a ball.

Chris loved to play cards and up until quite recently he and his mates would gather on a Wednesday afternoon down Mill Road for "baeng a table" and make plenty noise.

He and Susan loved to play Jaero and It was on these occasions that his cheeky sense of humour would be on display.

Chris loved his garden. He grew enough vegetables and carnations to supply a small village. Thursday was the day that he and Susan did banking, shopping and vegetable and flower delivery to people in the community. Recipients, all women, of the flower deliveries was quite random but up until a few years ago this was his regular routine. The flowers were carnations, every variety and colour. His kindness was recognised by a community award presented to him at Government House.

Chris died peacefully at the Norfolk Island Hospital on Tuesday 20th August.

Affectionately known as Chris, Dad, Pop, Boyie, Fulla you will be sorely missed by your family.

### ***Miss me but let me go***

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little but not too long  
and not with your head bowed low  
remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me – but let me go*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone  
It's all part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss me - but let me go.*

## **Thank you**

The family would like to pass on their thanks:

To the Drs and Nurses at the Norfolk Island Hospital for you love and care to Chris;

To Shane and the grave diggers;

The wreath makers and for donations of flowers from the community;

To Tardy for Chris's last journey home and to his final resting place;

To the pall bearers that made this journey possible;

To the Rev. David Fell and Jodie for their guidance with the service;

To Sim and Chris for the music; and Don Reynolds for leading the singing;

To our Handsome and beautiful helpers for the distribution of service programs;

And to the community members, too many to mention, for the floral tributes, food delivered to the home and the love and support of everyone.

## **Only Orn Norfolk**

The Connolly family would like to offer their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who have helped out during mum's recent time in hospital.

A huge thank you goes to the lovely hospital staff, Kath King and her team of wonder women, Brent Jones and Liat at Care Norfolk, Trevor Gowe, Kieran Glass, Peter Horrocks and Joey for the bathroom as well as Leanne Buffett at NIBS for her assistance.

We would also like to thank Anne and Jeff Pledger, Lyle Tavener, Leah Menzies, Kyren Buffett and Ethan Pledger for their care and support.

We couldn't have done it without you all and words can't express our appreciation for the help, love and support you have all offered.

The spirit of Norfolk is still alive and strong. In as much.

Much love and thanks to all Gillian, Sash & John, Gilbert & Ellie.

