



Elaine Ruth McNamara

Our Beautiful Mum

4th May 1939 to 3rd September 2024

We gather here today to celebrate the life of a remarkable woman, Elaine Ruth McNamara, a beloved mother, sister, aunt, and friend. Elaine was born in 1939 to Doris and Edward Bell. She spent her formative years in Pyrmont, Sydney, surrounded by her loving family, including her four sisters—Susan, Robyn, Joanie, Patsy—and her brother, Donny. From an early age, Elaine exemplified what it meant to be a dedicated sister, assuming a motherly role to her younger siblings and extending that nurturing spirit throughout her entire life. She formed deep, unbreakable bonds with each of her sisters and with the numerous nieces and nephews that came to know her love and guidance.

Elaine was known for her spirited love of dancing and captivated by the glamorous nightlife of old-time Sydney. This passion for movement and joy was one of the many threads that wove her vibrant tapestry of life. However, as she stepped into marriage and motherhood, her priorities shifted. She welcomed three sons—Darren, Glenn, and Jason—into her heart and home. Fond memories flood back from our childhood, filled with action-packed weekends and exhilarating school holidays shared with cousins. We spent countless hours exploring iconic locations such as the Zoo, Luna Park, Hoyts Cinema, and the beautiful beaches of Sydney, where we could run wild,

laughing and playing until the sun dipped below the horizon.

Throughout her married life, Elaine exemplified hard work and dedication. Her love for people drove her to seek opportunities where she could engage with diverse individuals, widening her horizons and enriching her life. She became an avid historian, dedicating many years to volunteering at the Liverpool Historical Center, where she meticulously compiled a number of researched journals—her passion for history a testament to her intellectual curiosity and commitment to preserving the past.

In the later stages of her career, Elaine took on the esteemed position of Justice of the Peace, where she served the community through legal aid in Sydney's family courts. Her compassion and sense of justice shone brightly in this role, further showcasing her unwavering commitment to helping others.

In 1974, Elaine and her husband Mick made the pivotal decision to purchase a new home in Casula. This move marked a significant transition from the bustling city life to the tranquility of bushland, providing their children with a wonderful environment to explore and grow. The introduction of motorbikes and paddock basher cars added an adventurous spirit to our lives as kids, igniting a sense of freedom amidst nature.

Elaine cherished her family home, where she lived for the rest of her life until she moved to Norfolk Island five years ago, at which point it became evident that she needed additional support. In an effort to ensure she received the best care, it was decided that Polly would step in as her primary caregiver, providing love and assistance until professional help was deemed necessary, ultimately leading to Elaine residing at the Randa.

On behalf of our extended family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Norfolk Island community and, in particular, the Norfolk Island Hospital and Age Care Center. The heartfelt love and care you provided for Elaine during her time under your guidance meant the world to us. Your kindness and dedication did not go unnoticed.

As we say our final goodbyes today, let us remember Elaine for the warmth she brought into our lives—a loving mother, devoted sister, grandmother, and cherished friend. You are now at peace, dear Mum, and your spirit will forever remain in our hearts.

With all our love, your family !



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