



Vale

Geraldine Anne Hall

Geraldine Anne Hall (nee Titmarsh) was born on 25th February 1958 to Majella & Ron Titmarsh of Ashgrove, & right from the outset she was the apple of their eye, not even the arrival of John & twin sister

Karen, 2 1/2 years later could change that, they knew the pecking order growing up.

They had a good childhood and upbringing and were blessed to have many large gatherings and contacts with cousins and friends, it was always a home with people dropping in and passing through. Also on the cards were numerous trips to her mother's family home in Maryborough and catchups with the cousins who lived just out of town on a farm, everyone enjoyed those visits but especially Gerry as she got to ride horses which was a passion of hers (a quick look through her China cabinets will confirm that).

Sometime in the early 1970's an extension was done to the family home in Ashgrove and all the kids got their own rooms. They were given open slather to decorate the rooms as they wanted, but her brother does remember questioning Gerry's decorating tastes as she had her room painted a strange blue with deep, deep blue shag pile carpet. In the end it did look ok, so what did he know, she did things her way and knew what she liked.

During their childhood they were lucky enough to have a backyard pool, it was a simple round above ground design with no filtration, a nightly
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dose of mixed chlorine helped keep the algae at bay. Unfortunately even as strong as Gerry's father would mix the dose, (more was always better was his motto) the liner needed to be removed and cleaned, an arduous task that Gerry would be able to avoid by using her Houdini like traits & disappear until it was completed

Gerry attended St Finbarr's for her primary years and Mount St Michael's for her secondary years and attended UQ to do pharmacy, (she was the smart one of the group). She met her future husband, Michael Hall at Uni and despite skipping the odd lecture for a day at the beach (the tell-tale sunburn was a bit of a giveaway), she graduated and became the fine Pharmacist she was right up until her passing.

Gerry was a good sister, she was always happy to have her brother and sister tag along on any of her many outings with Michael and her group of friends, some of the best times were at the BurrumDowns Races which was always a nice weekend.

Gerry was a good cook but her talents swung heavily to creating wonderful desserts, especially her trifles which were legendary. Whenever there was a family gathering, everyone got in quickly so she was on the hook for a trifle. Even though people have tried to recreate them, they were never the same (We will miss your trifles).

Gerry & Michael were married in Nov 1979 & although they went their separate ways, they did have their 2 lovely children David & Amanda and remained in contact & were friendly-ish.

Gerry acted boldly a short time after her marriage ended & moved to Norfolk Island to become the Hospital's resident Pharmacist. in 1999 Gerry and her son David and Daughter Amanda, found themselves moving to Norfolk.

It was a true culture shock, but It's hard not to be at peace on Norfolk and Gerry was truly peaceful and happy there.

In 2006 Gerry built her dream home on the Island. She entertained there; she built a beautiful area to host friends, eat good food and of course, drink and smoke. She would take her beloved cats, Footso and Madge through the sunny gardens and made sure they wanted for nothing. Cats were a source of constant joy for Gerry; she loved their independence and tendency to be just enough of an ass to keep things entertaining.

She was affectionately known as 'Doctor Gerry' to those on island. She would tell them when she could help them, when she couldn't or when she knew what was wrong but they still needed to see a doctor to get a script. She advocated for each and every one of her patients.

Gerry's contract as the sole island pharmacist was not renewed, so in ultimate Gerry fashion, she started her own private pharmacy. She loved that pharmacy. It might not have ever sounded that way but she did. She loved helping and being needed. She took so much pride in her expertise and I'm sure it was a bittersweet day when the keys changed hands a year ago.

Gerry got to Europe in 2014. This was her trip of a lifetime and brought her so much joy. There is a

concept of memory dividends when the sheer memory of a time compounds with each recollection to bring more and more joy. This was never truer for Gerry than with this trip. She loved Venice in particular. She went to the Vatican which was a goal to honour her late mother. She ate good food, drank good wine and smoked good cigarettes in excellent company.

In 2017 she welcomed her first grandchildren Nate & Quin, and in 2019 her third; her beloved Henry. Gerry and Henry had a clear bond and David and Tabitha have many memories they will cherish forever of their time together.

Gerry had grand plans for her retirement which unfortunately she did not get to enjoy as she passed a month shy of her 65th birthday. She was able to go out on her terms and died with dignity that was only possible by the love and support of her family.

Gerry's passing should be a reminder to us all that we all get one roll of the die. Be kind. Live for now as well as tomorrow. Tell those you love how much they mean to you.

So for now we say goodbye, until we meet again.
Love you xo

In Memoriam



Jude Eric Charles Wakefield

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Love always Mum, Bayley and Eliza.

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