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A dearly loved and respected Norfolkier who would be the first to admit that she "had had a good innings", passed away at the Norfolk Island Hospital early on Friday morning, 6th October.

The island mourns the death of Helen Evelyn Buffett, born 17th August 1883, eldest of the 7 children of the late Colin William Lindsay Buffett and his English wife Annie (nee Taylor). Mary Elizabeth (Mary 'Joe' Nobbs) is the only surviving member of that family.

At the age of 18 years Helen Lindsay (as we always called her) went on a short visit to Australia, came home and has not been off the island since!

During her lifetime she was always a very sincere church-woman and when a horse was not available to ride to All Saints at Kingston, she would walk from the family home at Steele's Point (where she has always lived - she never married) all the way to Kingston.

A beautiful horsewoman, Helen was to be seen riding around Norfolk until only a few years ago. Helen had a very retentive memory and was able to give very good evidence of life on Norfolk Island in the early years at the Royal Commission in 1975.

To Mary Joe Nobbs and the many members of the Buffett family, we convey our sincere sympathies in the sadness of losing a beloved relative and another Norfolkier of the "old school".