



In loving memory of
Jacqui Alston

14 th April 1930 - 22nd January 2018

Jacqui was born on April 14, 1930 in Windsor, NSW to parents Eric and Hazel Goulder. Jacqui had two older sisters, Jean and Yvonne (both of whom have predeceased her), and they were a very close family unit. She grew up and went to school in Mosman, and spent many holidays back in Windsor on her Uncle Barnaby and Grandparents' dairy farm.

On graduating from SCEGGS Redlands, she took a Secretarial course and worked for a Solicitor at "Bradfields" legal firm in Sydney.

She met Vern on the MV Kanimbla during a holiday cruise from Melbourne to Sydney in March 1958. Jacqui was travelling with her girlfriend Val, Vern with a mate, and over the dinner table they got to know each other. They were married in December that year at St Lukes Church in Mosman.

Jacqui and Vern commenced their married life in Harbord and then Balgowlah, before visiting Norfolk Island for a holiday in 1965. Loving the island, they decided this is where they would like to make their family home, settling on a beautiful farm on Mt Pitt Road and also building The Polynesian Motel. Jacqui was Vern's right hand - putting her secretarial and book keeping skills to good use helping with the running of the Motel.

Her daughters, Elizabeth, Margot and Gillian were born in Sydney, with Jeanette being born a few years later on the Island.

Jacqui established a beautiful garden, swapping cuttings with friends and never forgetting which plant came from which friend. The girls also helped contribute by collecting cuttings while out horse riding..... We think she had a more diverse range of plants than any Nursery. She was pretty much a walking encyclopaedia on plant names and an absolute expert on how to raise African Violets.

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She loved to sew - making curtains for The Polynesian and the family home, and making many clothes for herself and the girls. She also loved to crochet and knit, the whole family had beautiful handmade jumpers, then teaching each of her girls these same skills. When grandchildren came along starting in 1989, they had a constant wardrobe of beautifully homemade clothes and jumpers.

Jacqui was the most wonderful cook. Cooking everything from scratch using a lot of home grown ingredients, with a constant supply of jams, chutneys, guava jelly by the bucket load, home baked biscuits, slices, desserts, ice-cream, delicious main meals, we were totally spoilt. The girls still use all her favourite recipes and during Girl Guide fundraisers, she had special requests put in to bake extra Chocolate Rum Cakes and Chocolate Slices.

With young daughters attending Brownies and then Girl Guides, under the leadership of Brown Owl Fay Bataille, Jacqui was keen to be involved (having been a Brownie and Girl Guide herself as a young girl). She was one of Faye's Deputy Owls with the Guides (Faye giving her the title of Fluffy Owl), and then became Treasurer, a role she held for 25 years or more. Thank you to the Girl Guides who assisted this afternoon by handing out the Order of Service. We know she would be thrilled to see you her

As you know, horses play a significant role in the family's lives and with the introduction of Pony Club, Jacqui and Vern were also very much involved in Pony Club. In spite of her fear of horses, she never missed watching the girls ride at all the local events - although her heart was in her mouth and her eyes tightly shut behind her sunglasses as she sat in the car with the windows up, when they flew around at crazy speeds. She made it a point to know everything about each of our ponies and loved them from the other side of the fence. We only once convinced her to climb aboard our quietest pony, Herman and led her reluctantly and briefly up the road to our big gate. She named each of our original 6 ponies, with a particular favourite being Black Beauty, who she was comfortable enough with to allow to roam around the house yard and feed him bread.

She also diligently kept a list of which cows calved, when and what the newborn calves were called. We still have the calendars with all those hand written lists and reminisce about Heidi, Polly, The Cow Who Lost Her Calf, Billy's Mum, Mrs Chaser, Toddlepop, Buttercup, Darkie, Nuttie, Thumper to name just a few.....and our first bull, Ferdinand, who she also named.

With the girls heading off to Boarding School in Sydney to complete their schooling, she never missed a week of writing letters to each of them, updating them on local news and what their favourite pets were up to, and on the first night home of every school holiday, they were welcomed with the standard family favourite of roast lamb and chocolate cheesecake.

Jacqui and Vern loved to travel. They took the whole family on camping trips to Europe and the UK

and a holiday to South Africa. While we struggled to get her on the back of a horse, she was more easily persuaded to jump aboard an Ostrich for a ride in South Africa! Yes, she looked just as terrified as she did on the back of our pony Herman. They then spent a number of holidays exploring Eastern Europe, Egypt, Scandinavia, Canada, USA, South America, Alaska and China.

Jacqui was an extremely keen photographer, with her camera always at the ready. Our home is filled with family and holiday photo albums and boxes of many more photos yet to be put into Albums.

Jacqui was a wonderfully devoted and loving wife and mother, doting grandmother to Michael, Richard, Kathryn, Cianna, Lani and Imogen, she was the favoured aunt and a real lady, as many have kindly said. She will be extremely sadly missed by her whole family and the wonderful friends she held so dear to her heart both here on Norfolk and elsewhere around the world.

Thank you

Vern and family would like to extend their very grateful thanks to all those who offered their support and kind words during Jacqui's care and passing.

Special thanks to the Hospital Staff and CARE Norfolk who with their kind and caring support, helped make Jacqui's time in hospital comfortable. And thank you to the volunteers who come in to the Aged Care wing to spoil the residents by doing their hair, providing entertainment, and visiting on a regular basis to spend time to help make their days enjoyable.

Thank you to Diddles who opened his garden to us and to all those who generously donated flowers and greenery.

Special thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who made the beautiful wreaths, posies and floral bouquets and who kindly included us which made it even more special. They looked absolutely beautiful. Derek - thank you for your skill and guiding hand with decorating the mound prior to the service.

Thank you to David Buffett for your assistance and advice, and a very warm thank you to Rev David Fell - for your kind words of comfort and beautiful graveside service.

Big thanks to Tardy, Shane and the grave diggers, and Gavin, John and Lee.

Thank you to everyone who offered their condolences, or called by with generous donations of delicious food which was really appreciated by all the family during this stressful week.

Milton and Simone - thank you for your assistance with putting together the tracks for the beautiful music.

Thank you Ken, Don and your group of singers for leading the Pitcairn Anthem with your beautiful, rich voices.

Another big thank you to Glen Christian for assisting us with our computer crisis following the storm!

Thank you everyone

*Vern, Elizabeth, Margot Gillian and Jeanette,
Simon, John and all the Grandchildren*