



Vale
Jeanine Ellen Snell

24th October 1941 - 29th September 2024

Jeanine was born in Epsom Hospital Auckland NZ on October 24th 1941.

Jeanine spent most of her young life in NZ with her parents Theo and Elsie and Uncle Eddie and Aunt Dorothy. After World War II, as a young girl Jeanine came to Norfolk, she often spoke with affection of that time particularly the love she had of horses of which she had a special pet given to her by her grandfather Ikey Bob Edwards.

The family returned to NZ when the Tea rooms her Mother owned and operated at the airport was no longer needed by the NZ Troops based here.

She was an excellent student at school and was to later receive a degree as a Karitane Nurse, a profession which afforded her the opportunity to help those in need, particularly young children, a calling which she treasured and carried her entire life.

In this regard she later was to become involved in creating, amongst other beneficial services, the NI Young wives and Mothers club.

Jeanine was also an accomplished book keeper and organiser and was able to turn her hand to secretarial/ accounting duties and was much appreciated by employers for her honesty, hard work and her ability to manage difficult situations when called upon.

Her many years working at Foodlands, The NI Museums, owning and operating her own shop NicNacs was a strong testimonial to her abilities. She received very complementary references from her employers whenever she decided to start a new career.

Jeanine married Ken Brown, whom many of us here would remember, they became the proud parents of Stephen and Andrew. As is life, the union of Ken and Jeanine did not prosper and they were to eventually go their separate ways.

Jeanine never remarried and devoted the rest of her life to the care and wellbeing of her family which was her greatest joy, she was deeply proud of her grandchildren Elijah and Grace.

Jeanine treasured her Pitcairn/Norfolk heritage and was to become a long time prominent member of Community Arts, representing Norfolk on a number of Pacific Festivals devoted to the promotion and protection of cultural rights and traditions of pacific peoples, she was a champion of human rights for Norfolk Island.

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Jeanine became a tireless worker with Norfolk Island People for Democracy group. She was deeply distressed by the enforced changes occurring in her ancestral homeland.

Jeanine also loved sports and became active in supporting the Blues Rugby League team and Junior League, she actively supported the establishment of the NI Leagues Club. Regrettably in the last few years Jeanine suffered ill health, sometimes forcing her to spend long periods of time in Hospital in Australia, but the onset of cancer here on Norfolk in the last few months was to be the mountain she could no longer climb however she fought to the very end.

Thank you again for paying your respects here this afternoon, Jeanine would have been extremely proud and honoured by your attendance.

Following are messages of condolence from her NZ family.

...Kia Ora to you all.

We are thinking of you all who are here today and regret we are not there with you to farewell our dear cousin who we have loved and treasured very dearly.

Our Mum Dorothy, was sister to Jeanine's Farther, Theo Snell. They were both born in New Zealand although their Father, our grandfather was born on Norfolk in 1873 and came to NZ in his late teens.

Jeanine was in our lives when we were kids when she lived in NZ and we have always felt a strong bond with her and our other Snell family on Norfolk and with Norfolk Island itself.

She was always such a great host the times we visited Norfolk and a fun visitor the few times she came back to New Zealand and we managed to keep in touch with occasional phone calls and on Facebook etc.

Jeanine was also an amazing source of family information and Snell genealogy, which we valued and appreciated over the years as our Mum had died at a very young age so we learnt a lot about our family history from Jeanine.

So farewell dear cousin, thank you for being the very special person that you were. We shall truly miss you and our future visits to Norfolk will be so very different without you. Our love and gratitude. Linda, Lorraine, Freddy and Garry.

Before I finish, the family asked to say special thanks to the many, too many to name, who supported and cared for Jeanine during her long period of ill health and time of need, your acts of compassion and kindness and helpis greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Also the attendance of Leanne who has flown over to pay her respects to Jeanine and especially to her lifelong friend Andrew, and to Susie Vercoe to whom Jeanine had a very strong affectionate family relationship, Jeanine would have been so proud.

Thank You

We are so grateful for all the support, love and kindness shared with Jeanine especially over these more recent years as her health issues became more and more difficult for her.

It is with much appreciation to:

All those who visited Jeanine in hospital & kept her company.

To the Doctors, nurses, staff, ambulance personnel & carers who have looked after her, here on the Island & abroad.

To those who generously opened their homes & hearts to Jeanine while she attended medical appointments on the mainland.

It was a long, difficult medical journey for Jeanine, and your kindness and support meant so much to her and to us.

And today, we thank those who have flown in to celebrate her life & share in her farewell. As well as all of our friends and family who have popped out home through the week to drop off food and support towards the organising of today.

This celebration of her life, involved so many who have generously contributed to making her farewell a most beautiful day -

To: Shane and the gravediggers, coffin builder and hearse driver, wreath-makers & those who dropped off flowers, Milton & the Lions Club for the PA system, Jodie & Toni for the service sheets, Lisa for organising the handing out the sheets today, the pallbearers, the singers and musicians for playing her favourite island songs, Wes for the Anthem, Wayne for the pallbearers' van, Des for driving the family, Lisle for the eulogy and David for officiating this service on our behalf - thaenks so much all yorlye.

Please accept our sincere apologies if there's anyone we've missed.

And now as we say goodbye to our Mum and Granny, and knowing everyone surrounding us here also have their own fond memories and love for Jeanine, we thank you so much for sharing this day of tribute with us.



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