



Vale
**George Howard Evans Olsson
'Jim'**

16th June 1926 - 14th August 2015

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These were the very appropriate words used by David Buffett as he greeted everyone who had gathered at the Kingston Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon 19th August for the funeral service of Jim Olsson.

David continued - "as we gather this afternoon, in the words of the Prayer Book: to mourn a relative; to honour a departed friend; to dispense reverently of the mortal body and to show sympathy with the bereaved.

We believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore in faith and hope we offer a prayer of thanksgiving and trust to God, in whose loving care we leave our friend Jim Olsson, who passed away at the Norfolk Island Hospital on Friday last 14th August. A distinguished Norfolk Island identity has now gone from our number; and we gather here with Jim's family and offer our condolences, our love for them and our support, especially to Doreen.

To Jim and Doreen's daughter Jan with her husband Sid and their family - Vanessa and David with their sons Beau and Jared and Nikki and David and their sons Kevin, Jayson and Sam.

To Jim and Doreen's daughter Ethelyne (Millie) with her husband Rees and their family - James, Nathan and Katie.

Most are here this afternoon but unable to be present, are James (who is in Norway), David, Jayson and Sam, who are in Nhulunbuy, but they are all present

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THE LENNY LYMPHICS



**A fundraiser for Lenny Buffett
will be held
29th August
At the Bicentennial Oval
From 4pm-Late**

**The fundraiser will include
GAMES
from 4pm-7:30pm
LIVE MUSIC
AND ENTERTAINMENT
till late
FOOD & BAR
(No B.Y.O)**



George Howard Evans Olsson - continued

in thought and in spirit and they send their love. When we come to the Eulogy there will be messages from them and of course we send to them our affection and support.

The family are grateful and say thank you to Nikki, Kevin, Nathan, Oscar, Beth, Joy and Vicki, Simon and Kymmy for making long journeys to be here.

Together, we all naturally mourn this day, we honour Jim's life, and we lay him to rest with dignity here at the Kingston Cemetery in Norfolk Island.

He had reached his 89th year."

David then read the following Eulogy that Jim's family had prepared as their tribute to George Howard Evans Olsson - Jim Olsson.

"Jim was the eldest of three boys born to Oscar and Ida Ethelyne (nee Evans) in Sydney on the 16th June 1926.

The family returned to Norfolk Island not long after Jim's birth and settled into No. 7 Quality Row with Aunt Eva Buffett who was Ida's aunt. No. 7 had been allocated to Jim's great grandfather in 1856 on his arrival from Pitcairn Island. In 1927 the occupation license was granted to Jim's mother, Ida and her brother George (D'wud) Evans. Jim and his brothers were to live in No. 7 until their mother passed away in 1947.

The three boys then moved to their mother's home further along Quality Row, opposite the Cenotaph. Jim was to live there until 1956 when his family moved to Cascades.

Jim did his schooling on Norfolk up to 6th class. He then attended his father's old school at Parranatta High in Sydney to complete his education. Whilst in Sydney he lived with his grandmother and then his Uncle, Cecil Olsson. Uncle Cec's three daughters (Beth, Joy and Vicki) are able to be here with us today.

Jim joined the Royal Australian Air Force in World War II at the age of 18, virtually straight from High School. On demobilisation Jim worked for the NSW Forestry Department travelling up and down the State camping out in tents.

During this time Jim got word that his mother was very ill and he managed to secure a seat on a Royal New Zealand Air Force plane out of Brisbane to fly home. He had lost his Dad whilst at High School and his Mum passed away on the night of his arrival - a week after his 21st birthday.

Jim then stayed on Norfolk to be with his two younger brothers, Bruce and Max. Bruce worked on the Island whilst Max attended Hurlstone High School where he was to become Captain of his school. Jim's two brothers were to predecease him. Max's youngest son, Oscar, has also joined us here today.

In 1949 Jim married Doreen (daughter of Gussie Pedel and granddaughter of Fletcher Christian Nobbs and Emily Gertrude Christian). Jim and Doreen had three children, Janice, Ethelyne (that's Millie) and Kevin. Kevin passed away in May 1982.

In June 1948 Jim applied for a position in the Australian Meteorological service with his mate, Richard Bataille. Both Jim and Richard were accepted when the Royal New Zealand Air Force was pulling out

of Norfolk Island. Jim was employed by the Australian Met. service for 36 years serving on Norfolk as well as completing two years in Wagga Wagga, NSW at the same time as Richard.

Jim was always interested in sport. As a youngster he was always hitting tennis balls against the old convict buildings in Kingston or playing cricket near the No. 1 golf green.

At Parramatta High Jim represented his school in Tennis, 1st fifteen in Rugby Union and 1st eleven in Cricket against the seven Sydney High Schools of the time.

On Jim's return home he kept up his interest in sport. He captained Norfolk in Rugby Union against visiting Australian warships and captained Norfolk in Cricket against visiting teams from Australia and New Zealand.

In 1978 Jim was a subscriber to the "Pacific Islands Monthly" magazine when he noticed that the magazine included Norfolk Island as part of the Pacific islands.

He approached Tom Lloyd, Editor of the local paper at that time and suggested that Norfolk Island should be included in the South Pacific Games. A committee was formed and with the help of the Legislative Assembly (mainly Geoff Bennett) and the Fiji Games Organisation, Norfolk Island was accepted to be part of the Pacific Games.

Jim was to Captain golf teams to three South Pacific Games. He was also to spend 25 years on Golf Club committees and was made a Life Member on the club's 50th anniversary in 1977. He was a champion golfer and won many trophies. His greatest joy was passing on his knowledge of golf and mentored many young players in the sport on Norfolk.

He was involved on various committees that benefited Norfolk and a Magistrate of the Courts for many years.

He loved and was proud of his family and they thank him for being so giving and caring.

Besides his love for his family and sport Jim was an avid gardener and this can be seen in the beautiful grounds of the family home in Cascades. A big part of Jim's life was caring for the welfare of his animals. There were horses, cattle, dogs, cats and so on. His ritual each morning was to feed dozens of doves that gathered at the front door.

Duty, decency, reliability, honour, dignity, respect: these are some of the qualities that Jim not only held in high esteem, but practised and hopefully instilled into each of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jim's family all loved him and it's difficult to imagine him not being around any more. He was a proud Norfolk Islander. He brought joy and fulfilment to many. His legacy will live on and the memories will be treasured for ever. He was just one special man.

Rest in peace - "You se now back down a Toun."

As advised earlier by David, other Eulogies were sent for the funeral from those members of the family unable to be present. These were read with great feeling and in a voice that at times shook with emotion by Nikki Cooper.

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George Howard Evans Olsson - continued

"I didn't think I could read this today from loved ones away, but granddad always told us there is no such word as can't! So please bear with me.

When Beau was little, granddad became known as Dar. He hot furret.

So this is for you Dar."

.....From James in Norway

"As a granddad you was everything uwa lettle sullen could've asked for.

If we needed anything you was always there.

When we bin buss out cly you would say to uwa "are you cluck"

I el remember when we se do something wrong, yoos le-eg thumping through dar house, coming uwus way. Man, we bin usa run hide.

The bass times as lettle sullen was when we bin usa breach orn yoos truck fe goo feed dem cow. We bin usa halp cutta corn and load a truck. You would always look orn me and tull "get een a front" cause I bin usa fill up fe hay fever. I bin usa thought es unfair cause I nawa bin el siit orn ar back with dem others.

When it comes to sports, ef it wasn't fe you, none of uwa would be side we es des day. Especially golf. No one holds a head as steady as you or el tull "keep yoos eye orn the ball" and then blow a hard wind if we nor do et to yoos liking.

Nor matter whuthing we bin usa do, you always would push uwa to the best of our ability. Now we look back and thank you for those lettle nudges you bin give uwa, even when we nor hot.

I el remember the days when we bin usa grab dem bamboo rod and go fishening down orn dem rocks, or go fe hihi down beefsteak. Memories that we nawa awa gwen a forget.

I could go orn for awa bout all dem thing you bin usa do with uwa, which goes fe show what kind of sullen you were. What kind of man you were.

There is nothing more I could wish for then to be there des day and say goodbye to a granddad like no other and even though I nor der, you are forever with me in myse heart.

Thank you for the lifetime we shared together and fe everything you bin teach me in myse life.

I love you always.
James."

.....From the Northern Territory

"To the most generous caring loving Dar in the world.

Thank you for everything you have done for us as a family.

Your wise words and wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed by us all.

Even though we are not there today to say our goodbyes in person, we are thinking of you and our Norfolk family and friends and hope through the tears there will be joy and reflection on a beautiful man so special to his family, friends and Norfolk Island.

With much love always from the Northern Territory.

Dave, Jay and Sam."

The Rev. David Fell then recited Psalm 23 - "The Lord is my Shepherd." We then sang together, with Lulli Nobbs and Trent Christian leading "I Come to the Garden Alone."

Members of the Norfolk Island RSL Sub Branch then paid tribute to Jim and they were followed by relatives and friends placing floral tributes on the coffin. Before the Committal, Rev. David Fell led us in a recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

David then extended thanks to all who have rallied to help and support, and to show your love and affection for the Olsson family in their time of loss.

Thank you to the Doctors, Nurses and Hospital Staff; Glen (Tardy); the Grave diggers; the Wreath makers; the Pall bearers; Jimbo and Willie; the RSL and Sheryl; Jodie; Amelia, Jordan, Tiana and Kyran (Cascades new generation of lettle sullun); Trent, Lully and Tet; Staff at Burnt Pine Travel; all the family's friends for your love, support and sweet wettles AND everyone of you for being here this afternoon. When we conclude at the graveside, please join the family at the Golf Club for refreshments.

Following the Committal, the funeral service came to a conclusion with Tet Grube leading us in the singing of "Come Ye Blessed."

Thank you from the Olsson Family

The family just do not know where to begin their thanks for all your support, help, never ending supply of food, messages of sympathy and love on the passing of our of beloved husband, dad, father-in-law, granddad and great granddad - Jim.

To our relatives and friends, one and all, in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and here at home - the home he loved so much, our deep and humble thanks.

We pray and hope that during his life he has in some small way, helped by word, deed, laughter and generosity has enhanced your life.

Excuse us if we say how proud we were of him.
He will be sadly missed.

Doreen, Jan, Millie and families.

P.S. The photo at the beginning of this Vale, shows "veteran sportsman Jim Olsson, declaring open the 6th South Pacific Mini Games."

These Games, in which 17 countries competed, ran from Monday, 3rd December 2001 to Friday, 14th

Vale William Arthur Menzies 23 May 1926 - 15 August 2015

Arthur (Garfish) Menzies passed away last Saturday evening at Bankstown Hospital in Sydney, after a short illness.

His funeral service will be held on Monday 24 August at Rookwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to: Mrs June Menzies,
18 Blanc Avenue, Panania, NSW 2213
