



## Vale

*In Loving Memory of*  
**John Thornton Pearson**  
*8th April 1935 - 8th September 2016*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the God of peace to you.*

This wonderfully descriptive Gaelic poem, printed on the service sheet for John Thornton Pearson's funeral service that was held at the Kingston Cemetery on Wednesday, 14th September 2016, captured in a small way John's love of the sea.

At what could only be described as a "huge gathering of mourners" had gathered to farewell John and to extend their sympathy to the members of his immediate family and his many friends who had made the journey to the island.

The service was conducted by the Reverend David Fell who welcomed us and said in part "we believe that those who died in Christ share an eternal life with Him....."

The first hymn, led by Trent Christian was "Brightly Beams". This was followed by a Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 "Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and  
*(continued overleaf)*

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Island style home with fantastic sea and valley views. Cozy lounge with French doors leading out to the sunny deck where you can enjoy the view. 2 bedrooms, one bathroom with old fashion styled features. Quaint kitchen with loads of character and separate dining area. Large enclosed back verandah. Wooden floors throughout the house. Water storage of approx. 8500 gallons. Outside laundry and 2/3 room shed. Land size: 1.068ha

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### LAND AHOY

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**John Thornton Pearson - continued**

patience never fail” and then Prayers, both led by the Reverend David Fell.

Matthew Christian-Bailey followed by reading- the following Eulogy:- John Thornton Pearson was born in Sydney on the 8th April 1935 to Ruby nee Yaeger and Eric Pearson. He enjoyed a wonderful childhood at Watson’s Bay in Sydney in the family home which was a home away from home for many Norfolk Islanders and other visitors over the years. He was the middle brother of Bill and Doug. Roy Evans lived with the family as a teenager and was embraced as another brother and best friend to John.

John was educated at Sydney Grammar and went on to study radio operating and later, chemistry. During his working life John had a wide variety of occupations working in electronics. He managed and operated several of his own businesses, including awning construction, retail/picture framing, and opened the first photo lab on Norfolk Island.

The home at Watson’s Bay was one of much happiness. John and his brothers and friends grew up on the water. They loved spear fishing and sailing and anything to do with boats. John’s passion was sailing and he was an exceptionally talented sailor. As a young man he represented Australia in the Inter- dominion Championship in 12 foot skiffs and was ahead of his time, designing the famous Skip - funnily named after his cat!

Later he proudly represented Norfolk Island in the South Pacific Games in Fiji and American Samoa. He and friends built sailing boats for the Norfolk school kids and taught them to sail. Then came the whale boat project, brain-wave of Rhonda Griffiths. Over six years he and a group of dedicated Norfolkers built a replica whale boat to honour the Norfolk Island whalers of years gone by. This gave him immense pleasure and he was looking forward to sailing out under full sail this summer.

John and Jan met on a blind date with their good friends Roy and Marj Evans, and were married in 1965- they celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary last year. Sue was born in 1967 and Tim in 1971. In 1974 John was offered a job at Prentices and the family moved from Sydney to Norfolk, which he had visited many times during his childhood. John and Jan moved to Norfolk seeking a better way of life for their family, leaving behind a newly renovated home and a 40 foot yacht he’d built.

John was passionate about Norfolk’s right to self-rule, and an active member of the Pitcairn Society from its onset. He was one of the group who collected the solemn declarations in which the vast majority of people of Norfolk stated their aspirations for self-rule. Recently John was a very strong supporter of all the groups and individuals seeking true self government and democracy for Norfolk Island.

John had an inquiring mind, was a great reader and a very inventive, capable and practical man. Together with Jan, they worked extremely hard, hand in hand, always.

He was the son who cared for his mother and

gathered his family and friends around him in peace. He moved quietly and without fuss.

He was a steadfast husband for Jan and her rock.

He was a much loved and ever encouraging and supportive father for Sue and Tim. He welcomed their many friends.

John was beloved grandfather of John and Ruby, always with time for a story, a game of cards, a trip to Paw Paws and always happy to share his chocolates. He was the best.

He was much loved uncle to Di, John, Debbie, Jen, Angus and Ben and well loved by his extended family especially the Broder family.

Friend to many sullen, some of who have travelled many miles from as far away as Canada to be here to farewell John. The family wish to acknowledge those who are unable to be here at this time and to truly thank those who have walked with us on this sad journey.

He was a quiet man of honour with great love for his family and his Island. He will be so very deeply missed.

Jan, Sue, Tim, Bill and families sincerely thank Shane and those good Norfolk men who prepared John’s final resting place, all those who contributed flowers and made beautiful wreaths, the Reverend David Fell for his compassion, Matt Christian Bailey for delivering the Eulogy, Jodie for the order of service and so much more, Milton for playing John’s favourite music, Trent for leading us in those special Norfolk songs and Keanu, Eloise and Mercedes for their part at the service.

Our thanks for the wonderful Norfolk Island Hospital staff who cared for John with kindness and humour during his time of ill health. We have been simply overwhelmed by all the love and support, we cannot begin to thank each and every one of you enough. Our home has never sparkled so much or our fridge and cupboards been so full!

To dear Chris, James, Suzanne, Teva and Lizzie – very special people in our lives – who have travelled very long distances to farewell John and be by our side, our sincere thanks. John would have been honoured.”

After the reading of the Poem “Peace” the service then moved steadily on with the placing of Floral tributes on the coffin, the recital of ‘The Lord’s Prayer’, the Committal and the singing of “Come Ye Blessed”- the Pitcairn Anthem - bringing the service to its ultimate conclusion.

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