



Vale

Leonard Craig Christian-Bailey

26th December 1938 - 22nd June 2024

Leonard Craig Christian-Bailey, a proud Norfolk Islander was born on Boxing Day 1938 at Bishops Court, which was the hospital back in the day, to Dorothy (nee Christian) and George Bailey.

Len's mother always said he had interrupted her Christmas dinner when she had to begin her long buggy ride to Bishops Court!

Len was the youngest of his siblings – the eldest being Bernie, then Norma, then Mick.

He enjoyed his early years on Norfolk, then WWII came and his dad enlisted into the army along with many other Norfolk men. He was to go to the Middle East.

Len and his mum made the trip to Sydney on the 'Merinda' to say goodbye to George however the Japanese came into the war and were cruising in the Pacific. Len's dad was sent to Darwin to install all the barbed wire entanglements on the foreshores.

Len and his mum had to stay in Sydney as it was unsafe to return by sea to Norfolk.

Several years passed, and the other three siblings gradually came to Sydney one by one.

They made their home in Woollahra, in Sydney, after George was discharged from the army.

Len completed his schooling, and then went to technical college part time while working. Nine years later he graduated as a master builder, and went on to become a project manager with a large Australian construction company, F.T. Eastmens & Sons.

During this time Len worked on many significant building projects located in Newcastle, Wollongong, and also, the Munmorah Power Station, Warrangang Power Station Central West N.S.W. and many other multi storied buildings in the Sydney C.B.D.

During those last 2 years at college Len met Helen (Helen being 18 years old and Len was 23)

Their romance continued, they became engaged in 1963 and married in 1965, enjoying 59 years of marriage and devotion. Building their first home in Collaroy Plateau, Northern Beaches, and again Len built a second family home at Cromer, on the Northern Beaches.

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Director of National Parks

Approach To Market (ATM)

DNP-NINP-2425-003

Provision of Ground Maintenance – Norfolk Island National Park

Responses to an Approach to Market (ATM) for the provision of ground maintenance for the Norfolk Island National Park (NINP) are invited and will be received until 2:00 pm (Norfolk Island time) on Friday 19 July 2024.

Responses to the ATM are required to be submitted on the approved response form which is available by contacting the Norfolk Island National Park office on 22695 or email norfolkislandnationalpark@dcceew.gov.au

Completed ATM's are to be submitted via the NINP tender box located at the NINP office in an envelope clearly marked "ATM - DNP-NINP-2425-003 - Provision of Ground Maintenance".

Zoe Knapp
Park Manager

28 June 2024.

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Four years later they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Joanne. Another three years later they were blessed with a beautiful son, Mathew.

In 1975 after selling up in Sydney, Len and his family returned to Norfolk Island to make this their home, it was always Len's dream to come home to Norfolk with his main goal to build the Crest Apartments on Driver Christian Road. This he achieved and they commenced letting their tourist accommodation.

Helen ran the business, and Len built many homes, and other projects on the island from his business known as L.C-B constructions.

It was due to his building career in Australia that he was proud to bring back to Norfolk many new building and concreting techniques and share his knowledge with the community and fellow builders.

Len was on the N.I. Planning Board for many years in a voluntary capacity where his time and knowledge in this capacity was appreciated.

Len enjoyed his building work, and loved what he did. He was a perfectionist, and a pioneer in his field.

He was also the Minister's Warden at 'All Saints' Church, Kingston for many years attending many meetings, etc. in that capacity and assisting the Minister with Holy Communion.

He enjoyed setting up the gear for the pony club (he had a big truck!!) and the school carnival.

Len also loved his Lincoln Red Cattle – initially importing four heifers in calf from Bussleton W.A. In 1994.

When Joanne had James within a few days of the cattle arriving Len suggested they call him Lincoln – “not a chance!!” said Joanne.

Len loved to be ‘in a fance’, he got so much enjoyment planting his potatoes, veggies, watermelons, rockmelons etc. giving them away most of the time.

He loved his time out in his boat, fishing – this was a special pleasure for him – he loved the sea.

Some 30 years ago Len and Helen commenced the business known as Norfolk Island Mowers – authorised John Deere dealers - still operating today.

Len enjoyed his family, his island home and family heritage – he loved to have a fish fry for the family, loved his grand kids and enjoyed their growth and achievements.

The three boys James, Will and Ben all being ‘tradies’ and he adored his granddaughters, Anna and

Amy, and more recently his great grandchildren Layla and Grayson.

He was so proud of Joanne and Mathew's achievements in the hospitality industry, so blessed to have seen their success.

Len will be sadly missed by all his family – especially his wife Helen, they have been good mates and a team for 64 years, mostly always together.

Thank you all for coming, especially our close friends and family from overseas to give Len a true ‘Norfolk Island send off’.

July 13

July 13 is the 194th day of the year (195th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 171 days remain until the end of the year.

2014 – Germany wins the 2014 FIFA World Cup defeating Argentina in the final following a 1-0 win after extra time.

1985 – The Live Aid benefit concert takes place in London and Philadelphia, as well as other venues such as Moscow and Sydney.

1985 – Vice President George H. W. Bush becomes the Acting President for the day when President Ronald Reagan undergoes surgery to remove polyps from his colon.

1930 – The inaugural FIFA World Cup begins in Uruguay.

1919 – The British airship R34 lands in Norfolk, England, completing the first airship return journey across the Atlantic in 182 hours of flight.

1863 – American Civil War: The New York City draft riots begin three days of rioting which will later be regarded as the worst in United States history.



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Thirty years of being a grandfather and 4 years of being a great grandfather – what a pleasure it's been to have been gifted with your time.

You showed each of us the reward of hard work through the patience, time and dedication you had in everything you did. From the home you made, the cattle that you bred the farm that you loved so much, the garden you grew and that a lifetime of loving nana proved the man you truly were.

You encouraged us to always be proud of where we came from, and to never take for granted this beautiful island we call home.

I guess now grandad it's time to turn loose your herd of lincoln reds, turn the tractor off, jimmy's got the john deere, hang up your overalls, i'll put the kettle on, and you get comfy as we lay you to rest in eternal peace.

With all our love, James, Anna, Amy, Will, Ben, Grayson and Layla.

Thank You.



Helen Christian-Bailey and her family send a warm thank you to many who offered their support and comfort on the passing of Len Christian-Bailey.

The family particularly thank those of the family

who traveled back the island to be present at Len's funeral on Wednesday.

The family thank the Norfolk Island Hospital - medico's, nurses and staff, the ambos, the medivac teams and health services in Brisbane, all who have traveled the health journey with Len.

We appreciate and thank Shane at the graveyard, the grave diggers, Mal and his helpers who brought Len home to the house on the day of the funeral, Leonard for driving the hearse, the Pall bearers, the wreath makers and the bringer of flowers, Simone for the music, Milton for the PA system, Trent for leading the singing, Jodie for the order of service, Kevin for live streaming the service and the police for their courtesies.

Thank you all who gathered with the family to farewell Len on Wednesday and provided support in so many ways.

From Helen Christian-Bailey and all the family.

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