



Vale

Leslie Elaine Kate Edward

19th August 1937 – 5th July 2022

Leslie Elaine Kate Edward was born ya orn Norfolk or the 19th August 1937, she was de second daughter of Polly en Lass Edward. Sadly Polly pass way when Mum en her sister Noreen was very young, dem was brought up down Eureka by Lizzy and Alec Carr, but dem two had a special bond fu life. She always had fond memories of her mother Polly doen her hair in a ringlets. Dem was waal looked after n brought up with a Christian lifestyle - Sundis was f Sundi School en Church, Mum even become a Sundi school teacher – some of her students, semis Joe Adams, Shirley en Edward Hooker and others become her good friends and I sure gut many oh mums former Sundi School Student's ya des day

Skeet tull mum was a very pretty en happy young gairl, en all dem boys bin usa stig f her, but de wun she want was Tony Phillips. One day after school she chase dey Tony Phillips en give hem one big smooch. Waal she thought was a great joke en he bus out cly – Dem was eight years old, dem go orn f become good friends.

F mums 10th birthday she was given one beautifully decorated push bike, she was so proud of et she name et her Caddy – short f Cadillac, she also had her own pure white horse named Joy – Dar was her steed.

Mum bin usa tull, she had something in common with dar Queen, cos she too had one boat named after

her. Her Uncle, Carty Christian, build one big fishing boat en he name et the “Lesnor” after mum en her sister Noreen. Carty later sell dar boat to the government en et become dar government launch and was used f many years.

Mum complete her schooling ya orn Norfolk finishing with a distinction, her name still up iin dar Library as dux of the school, after she dun school she work in Holloways store, then f Jim en Rhonda Needham, she den work iin dar melk bar, semis thing she bin usa make d bas milkshake about, always adden dar little bet of extra Icecream or flavouring when her friends come iin, sullen bin larna me, when dem get a lolly had dar much se jarm et iin dar bag car twist et up. Dar melk bar sell to Burns Phillip en she continued orn dare working f a while.

In d mid 1950s mum head orf to New Zealand with some of her friends, she work about there f short time, but nawa tek lorng f she return to her beloved Norfolk. It was after her return det Louise Cunningham and her two children come to Norfolk. Dem was under the care of the Australian RSL repatriation scheme, her husband one RAAF Pilot had been killed in one accident.

Mum was always a supporter of the Rsl en was through dey connection she become good friends with the family, en earn a few extra dollars, doen a odd jobs en halping Louise en dem kids around a house. Louise become the motherly figure mum nawa had as a child, Louise and dem children was then moved to Parks NSW – Mum go with them.

In Parks Mum get a jorb with the railways en was a Hostess orn the Indian Pacific train, et was orn dey train she meet and marry Eric Wakefield, we had couple of moves between ya en Aus but her love of Norfolk get d batter of her, she book one we passage home orn dar cargo shep “The Jaques Del Mar” en hoem we come. Mum soon was worken up Top BPs, den get one she jorb in dar Philatelic Bureau en remain dare until she retire.

Mums retirement coincide with Bayley being born, en mum come up to the Gold Coast for three months stop, ya her special relationship with Kyla begin, she couldn't have asked f a batter daughter in law – dem two straight forward en head strong as each other. Mum was so proud f have a grandchild and one family

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of her own, and spend hours at Bunnings and various nurseries building up d garden. Was stinken hot orn the Gold Coast at the time, but she would wrap Bailey up tight in a blanket en a woollen shawl, en orf Her Kyla en Bayley would go to dar South Port RSL in a air-conditioning play Bingo, she loved dem meat tray raffles so f the duration of her trip dem would be at Bingo at least twice a week, den every time she visit Bingo at dar South Port RSL would be top of the list.

She loved looken after hem when Kyla was worken, she bin usa spile hem, even ef Kyla object to Chocolate and dem, she would give et anyway, always larnen a Me en Kyla, she want one Granddaughter with a red hair en a green eye – waal sorri mum dar nawa happen, She d one teach Bailey fu ride his pushbike, was perfect way f keep hem occupied when she playen Croquet up Turks Lornng fa Lorna.

Jude come along in a hurry orn New Years Eve ya orn Norfolk, after being medivaced de family decide f stop up the Gold Coast f a while – she wasn't too impressed about dey, when Kyla en Jude move hoem permanently when Jude was four, Mum was over the moon, always gut Jude something special se cook et f when he come down or after school, Jude get to the stage he would go down her en the fus thing come out of his mouth was “I hungry Grandma. Her en Kyla go to every football match, sit iin dar car crochet, but ef es night game – waal dars time fu pack up dar esky, open dar boot en sti iin de back. School en NATS plays at dar Theater, if Kyla nor se get a tickets fu dem front seats orn de right hand side – she nor want a go cos she gwen car see over the top of everybody else.

When Eliza come along, Mum love her like she was her granddaughter en Eliza always know right up until Mums last days that Granny gwen always have one she Chocolate waitien.' At 83 she had Kyla gwen f firewood, she teach her how f use one chainsaw, en mean Kyla gwen drive, meanwhile she gut Eliza orn de back tryen f encourage her fu starn up – Kyla refuse f drive asyde tull both dem two sti down.

I represent Norfolk in 3 south pacific games en two mini over myse earlier years on Norfolk and mum do extra cooking en sell a cakes and coconut pies orn a stalls – she semis thing always manage f sell a extra raffle tickets! she sacrifice plenty f me f represent hers Island hoem in squash, fe dar I gwena be fawa grateful. Mum was always willing f volunteer her time over the years from football, pacific games, Chaperoning de Norfolk Squash team, Lions, Rotary, Dar Sunshine Club, RSL woman's Auxiliary and Club, Friday night raffles at dar RSL was her baby, always spending Thursday runnen about f collect all dem prize, Every Fridee sellen a tickets at dardoor – everybodys tickets was de winning one - en always a volunteer at dar Country Music Festival, side over the years she become close with many of dem artist end dems followers, we still recon her favourite was when Clare Marsh bring one group of her friends as part of Dennis and Yvonne's group – dem all could sing en play d ukulele, dem all sit up dar RSL sing en play one afternoon, dem clean mess dar show round dar hall.

Mum was d biggest supporter of all uclun in everything, even down to the footy team she follow, She was actually a Bulldogs supporter, but start gwen f the Tigers cos dar was mine en Baileys team, dar follow through to her gwen f the Titans cos dar was Judes team, Though no team was awa batta den de Greens)

She love her Island home and lifestyle – plunten a vegies, cooken, pottering in her beautiful garden, At one stage hers and Louise's flower gardens was featured in Australian garden magazine. gwen orn a stone fe hihi, she lowe a Hihi - I remember a time when I iin bout year six or seven, d menu was hihi orn a toast lorgfa salt en a pepper, Hihi iin a white sauce, Hihi en a cream, so dars breakfast, lunch en denna - days es evry day of d week – After day three I se kina tired ohh Hihi, en would asa her cook me something else. She would look orn me tull Mark – Who XXXXen dey duck boy, me ulla you, den gein en tull, now you want some HiHi orn yous steak boy en crack herself up.

Of course Sundis was fu gwen to church en Football. She lowe playen a cards, Piano en a ukulele, her en her crew bin use a bang a table haven a laugh, play en sing dems heart out tull d early hours, deys side dar coconut song originate from.

She love gwen fishen gut her Bamboo rod, or just gwen down a pier – she was often down a pier waiten gut her knife en a bucket ready f halp clean a fish, so become a bit of a thing out iin a boat – when se time f head home, dem was headed f dar mark f Leslies. She loved her BBQs down Munnas (Do try f get her out Anson Bay) with family Alan, Alyssa, Hannah, Bayley and Jude all running muck doen a Norfolk thing which make her extremely happy.

Mum was do oney sullen I know det el rock one Tracksuit set iin every colour, ewwen a hard core rappers couldn't rock one tracksuit semis her, Mum could even rock her tracksuit with a gum boots, she had Lilac, green, orange, pink, light blue, navy, en purple – her favourite was one peach number – she love dar track suit en et suited her perfectly.

The last few years bin a rough trot fu Mum, fus she fly down dislocate her shoulder, den get a infected gout iin her joints, had a covid, the wusses thing was lorsen uwas precious Jude – Mum wanted f join hem den and dare – den dey last bout haven dar heart attack en a nasey fall and had to be medivaced – shortly afyer her return her health detoriate quickly. – She pass way quietly with her family and close friends there with her. – Yep Yep - Rest Iin Peace Ms Norfolk.

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Thank You Norfolk



To the wonderful sullen of Norfolk Island I pass on my sincerest of heart felt thanks to all Yorley, but to these amazing human beings honestly Yorley es amazing. Firstly Shirley Whitford Hooker for Jumping on a plane no questions asked and being there for mum from the start to the end.

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and I know she was listening to et all, thank you for keeping her pain free and comfortable es possible and to all Yorley who was making a coffees for me while I was there for them 7 days I nor gut enough words for thank Yorley ,seriously thank you all for everything what an amazing group of nurses.

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Thank you Tardy for navigating de safest route fe get Mum down dar cemetery.

Mums pall bearers John Kiploks aka border force John- Kerry Nick - Maori Eddie and myse boy Bayley I know mum would have been honoured and proud to have you guys pall bear fe her.

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To the band Kim, Smudgie, Pendo, Trent Christian, Lully and Bong - how good - what an absolute honour fe have Yorley reform and play for mum after all dem years, at hers wake. I know she'd be smiling down and se yep yep with a scotch n a water - thank you it was an incredible wake.

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On behalf of myse Mum the late Leslie Edward (Mrs Norfolk) Kyla, Bayley, Jude, Eliza ,Alan, Skeet, Alyssa, Hannah and myself please accept our families sincerest thanks to all yorley on Norfolk and overseas who have been a part of mums life and have helped her passing and funeral be as respectful and beautiful as it was we are so appreciative.

Thank you

Mark 'Snags' Wakefield