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**Loretta Mary Boler**

**15th November 1938 - 18th November 2024**

Loretta Mary Wellsmore was born on November 15th 1938 at the Christchurch Women's Hospital to Trevor and Mary Wellsmore. Loretta was the second child of 4 with Trevor, her older brother and Gary and Kathy her younger brother and sister.

The family lived in many parts of New Zealand with her early years in Christchurch, followed by Lower Hutt, Onehunga and Mt Roskill in Auckland.

In her early years, Loretta battled serious illness contracting polio at the age of 5 and needed to wear callipers on her legs as she learnt to walk again. She also contracted Tuberculous Meningitis in her teenage years which required cranial surgery and was the first person in New Zealand to be fully cured. Through these hardships, Loretta developed a zest for life and became a very brave and vibrant person who loved life and had the ability to always look at the bright side of any situation.

At age 20, Loretta married John Healy and together, they travelled to Ireland. Loretta loved Ireland and would often tell stories of her time there. After a short time, they returned to New Zealand and set up their family home at 18 Cheltenham Road, Devonport.

Loretta had three children: her eldest, Felicity, followed by Marissa, and her youngest, Sean. She was blessed with several grandchildren whom she adored, with the oldest being Andre, Felicity's daughter, followed by Katie and Tom, Marissa's children, and finally, Pat and Ailysh, Sean and Ruth's children. Loretta was also a proud great-grandmother to Sophia, Andre's daughter, and Isabel, Katie's daughter. I'm sure everyone here today is familiar with her family, as Loretta took great joy in sharing their accomplishments with anyone who would listen.

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Loretta and John went their separate ways and Loretta moved to Hastings to be closer to her Mum and dad and her older brother Trevor.

As well as being a Mum, Loretta worked in many administrative positions in New Zealand. She loved a clipboard. She mastered the art of walking around with her clip board marking off imaginary tasks all the while just having a chat to everyone and anyone. For all of you who knew Loretta, you know that she loved a chat.

At 47, when she was out with friends one night, Loretta's life took a different direction when she met what turned out to be the love of her life, Neil Boler. Together, they were invincible. Loretta told her brother Gary that she loved Neil because he is a real man and made her a real woman. They soon moved in together and started their own business. Loretta looking after the administration and Neil out in the field.

After 9 years, on 18th May 1996, Loretta and Neil were finally married. The ceremony was held on Norfolk Island at St Barnabus Church. Together, they never shied away from a challenge. They moved from New Zealand to the Gold Coast living on the water and started a business on South Stradbroke Island. Loretta loved the Gold Coast and had many great years there. She certainly loved to party. Sean and I couldn't keep up with her.

After spending many years on the Gold Coast, Neil and Loretta decided to move to Norfolk Island. Although Loretta was initially a little unsure, it didn't take long for her to fall in love with the island and fully embrace its community. She became involved in numerous local groups, which made her life on the island truly special. Through her participation, she gained so much, and in 2015, on Australia Day, she was honoured with an award for her outstanding service to the community. Loretta was incredibly proud of this recognition, and the award remained a cherished symbol of her deep connection to the island and its people.

How would I sum up Loretta, she was warm and inviting. She would open her home to anyone that she met. She loved a game of cards and better still with a glass of white wine in her hand. She loved people and made Lifelong friends in New Zealand, Australia and Norfolk Island.

Neil and all of Loretta's family would like to thank the Norfolk Island community for their kindness and help towards their Mum.

On behalf of the family, I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages celebrating Loretta's

life. May Loretta rest in eternal peace and happiness.  
Gary Wellsmore (brother)

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### **Tribute from Tanya and Daniella Randall**

My darling Loretta.

You have impacted my life with words of wisdom, encouragement, advice and your utmost support. I am very grateful to have been a special part of your life.

I always admired you for opening your heart to whom you crossed paths with.

Your door was always open, such a happy soul-kind, strong and positive.

I want to thank you for your friendship and in particular the way you loved and respected our daughter Daniella and treated her like your own. Loretta was assured in her last days knowing Daniella and I are extremely happy. She said "If you're both happy, then I'm happy".

How fortunate to have the opportunity to express our feelings and tell each other how much love we have for one another.

*Tarn Randall xx..*

Nanna Retta.

I know that you were ready to go but I wasn't ready to let you go.

You have taught me so much since I was only a few months old.

You have inspired me in so many ways and I know that you were always there for me. You cheered me on and supported me with anything you possibly could.

You will always be my Nanna Retta as long as I live and now I have a huge hole in my heart.

I am going to miss you so much and want to thank you for loving me and being my best friend.

I love you to the moon and back, actually no, I love you to the universe and back again.

Fly high my beautiful angel.

*Daniella xx*

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