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Lynlee Sanders

22nd April 1951 - 1st May 2025

Lynlee Sanders (nee Barratt) was born on 22nd April 1951 in Mosgiel Hospital, New Zealand. She was the youngest daughter of Ngaire & William Micheal Ernest Barratt, known to all as Ernie.

Lynlee's only sibling was sister Raewyn (now deceased) who was 13 years older than Lynlee. She married and started her family when Lynlee was just 8 years old, so Lynlee grew up more like an older sister to Raewyn's 4 children, Robin, Philippa, Barry and Sandra. Lynlee remained close to her nephew and nieces over the years.

The family moved around Otago depending on Ernie's employment or later business interests.

Initially living in Allanton, they later moved to Dunedin where Ernie managed Grocery Chain Star Stores and served as the local milkman. The family moved once again to Portobello on the Otago Peninsula where Ernie had purchased a corner Dairy store.

In 1959 Lynlee's sister Raewyn married Hughie Malcolm and they took over the running of the Portobello Store. Ernie, Ngaire and Lynlee moved to Waikouaiti where Ernie had purchased a 2nd corner store dairy.

Lynlee commenced her education at Forbury Primary school in Dunedin, continued at Waikouaiti Primary, then later attended Palmerston High School. Lynlee was a good student, attaining her School Certificate and on leaving school she trained as a Karitane Nurse at Dunedin Karitane Hospital. Part of her job was providing homecare for children of many families.

In her early to mid-20's, Lynlee continued to work as a Karitane homecare nurse in Southland, travelling overseas for holidays whenever she was able to save the airfares. Her travels were usually working holidays in Australia as a Karitane nurse. She also did a longer working holiday in England which enabled her to do some travelling through Europe. While Lynlee was overseas her parents moved from Waikouaiti to retire in Alexandra where Raewyn, Hughie & family were now living.

In 1970 Ernie became Secretary of the Alexandra Gun Club where he met Peter Sanders, the then President of the Club. Peter says at this time he was unaware that Ernie had a 2nd daughter. When Lynlee came back from one of her overseas trips in 1971, she spotted Peter at the Gun Club and he obviously made a bit of an impression, however Peter didn't formally meet Lynlee until a Christmas Shoot in 1975. A few days later, on Christmas Eve, Lynlee was shopping for knitting wool and Peter was doing some Christmas shopping when they bumped into each other. It was raining heavily, so Peter offered Lynlee a ride home. Peter spent the evening having a few drinks with Lynlee & her parents and Peter & Lynlee started spending time together.

In Feb 1976 the NZ Clay Target Championships were held in Christchurch, which Peter attended with
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his father, Lynlee's parents and Lynlee. One thing led to another and on 6th March 1976 Peter & Lynlee got engaged. At this time Lynlee also became the Secretary of the Alexandra Gun Club which started a lifelong passion of volunteer community service.

Just prior to their wedding, Peter took over the running of his father's 12,500-acre High Country Merino Sheep farm. Their wedding date, 14th May 1977 was set based on when farmer Peter could get away from the farm for 2 weeks. This happened to be at tupping time when the rams were put out with the ewes. Peter's mates threatened to put an ear tag on him, as they said he was also being put out with the ewe!!

As their honeymoon was to be 2 weeks spent travelling the North & South Islands of NZ in Pete's Morris Minor 1000; Pete, although he had been driving from the age of 12, decided at 26 years old he had better finally get his driver's licence. Pete turned up to the Police Station to apply for a licence, much to the surprise of the Police Sergeant whom Pete had been driving home from the local pub on Friday nights for quite some time.

On returning from their honeymoon, Peter & Lynlee moved into a new house built on the farm, Peter's father remained living in the original homestead.

As well as helping Peter on the farm, Lynlee commenced her involvement in her many volunteer works. 1 week after her honeymoon, Lynlee started a Creche running this out of a back room at the local Presbyterian Church. Lynlee together with a group of other volunteers provided free childcare to families in need of help. Through an organisation called "Budget Advice" Lynlee also started up the Alexandra office providing free budgeting advice to families who had fallen on hard times. After a couple of years Lynlee was appointed NZ President of Budget Advice. She remained the President for approx. 5 years.

Obviously not feeling busy enough, she also started the Alexandra Branch for the organisation Victim Support, managing volunteers and Police liaison. This was run out of the Alexandra Police Station. After resigning as President of Budget Advice, Lynlee became the NZ National President for the Victim Support organisation, remaining as President for approx. 6 years. During this time, Lynlee was presented with the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ Centennial Suffrage Award.

In 1999 Peter & Lynlee sold the farm in Alexandra and moved to Lake Hawea, Wanaka. Lynlee remained based in Hawea while Peter came and went while doing vineyard work around Alexandra. While at Hawea Lynlee got things up & running for another Victim Support volunteer organisation - the "Lake Districts Safer Communities" based out of Wanaka Police Station. Another arm of this provided budgeting support to families in need of help, going by the name of "Strengthening Families". Lynlee also helped establish an Op Shop in Wanaka to help provide funding for these organisations.

Lynlee was asked to join REAP (Rural Educational

Activities Program). This was based in Winton, a 200km drive from Wanaka, through treacherous roads over the Crown range. This was volunteer work, but Lynlee did receive a small reimbursement to cover fuel costs and accommodation as it quite often necessitated that she remain overnight or several days in Winton to carry out this volunteer work.

Peter & Lynlee first starting visiting Norfolk Island for Pete to compete in Clay Target shooting competitions. After many trips, Pete thinks about 20, they decided to move here. They purchased their home at Muddy Water in 2005 and moved to Norfolk Island early in 2006.

Pete & Lynlee have both had a varied working history on Norfolk, mainly in Tourism.

In their early days Peter & Lynlee managed the farm Pig & Whistle and the Central Garden Apartments for owners Sally & John Worthy who took an extended overseas holiday. When Sally & John returned approx. 18 months later, Lynlee joined the crew at Fletcher Christian Apartments and Peter joined the crew at Highlands.

The Christian-Bailey family recall that Lynlee managed the Fletcher Christian Apartments for many years during which time she proved herself to be an exceptionally loyal, energetic, and dedicated worker. Her efforts greatly eased the daily operational burden on Bernie C-B, especially during his later years. Lynlee consistently went above and beyond—never content to simply meet expectations, she always gave more than was asked of her, embodying a spirit of commitment that left a lasting impact on all who worked with her.

In 2009, while still working at Fletcher Christian Apartments, Lynlee & Peter also started working at Seaview Apartments. When Seaview was sold, they took over the running of Nuffka Apartments whilst also cleaning hire cars for Glen Elliott.

Seeing an opportunity, they purchased 6 cars from Glen, of which only 4 proved roadworthy and registerable. This became the start of their fleet of cars for their current hire car business, Norfolk Island Rent-A-Car. With only 4 cars in the fleet, money was very tight, but thanks to the generosity of Wayne Bedford who allowed them to purchase vehicles and make payments when able, they were able to slowly build their fleet of hire cars.

After Nuffka was sold, Lynlee commenced working at Crest Apartments, with Pete being called in occasionally to help clean the high spots that our little Lynlee could not reach. She also looked after Christian's of Bucks Point and eventually joined the team at Governor's Lodge where she worked until very recently when her illness prevented her continuing to work. Pete & Lynlee also spent many years working for Agnes Hain, cleaning the Bounty Centre and the Mini Golf Shop.

Despite her busy work schedule, Lynlee still found time to pursue her passion of volunteer community service. Through her years on Norfolk Island, Lynlee has been involved in many volunteer capacities. She was a Uniting Church Op Shop volunteer for many

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years, was on the Banyan Park Childcare Committee, helped some island families with Budgeting advice and helped set up the Montessori type childcare which was run by Christina McRitchie.

Lynlee joined the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island in October 2010 and remained a member right up to her passing. She was a Board member in some capacity right up until June 2024. She has served as Secretary, President in 2014-2015 and was the Clubs longest serving Treasurer. In recognition of her dedicated service Lynlee was awarded a 3 sapphire Paul Harris award last year.

At the urging of Rotarian Ned Lenthall, Lynlee also joined the Norfolk Island Branch of the Red Cross holding a number Committee positions.

While Pete & Lynlee had no children, they had their much-loved fur babies.

When Pete & Lynlee moved to Norfolk, their Jack Russell Zoe came with them. Another Jack Russell, Lucy, was imported later to join their family. Lucy presented Pete & Lynlee a litter of Jack Russell puppies followed a while later by a 2nd litter of puppies, Pete & Lynlee keeping a puppy from each litter. Further litters followed and a number of Norfolk Families have gained much loved pets from the progeny produced. Zoe passed a few years ago at the grand old age of 18, leaving Pete & Lynlee with their current 4 Jack Russells - Lucy, Jenny, Sam & Hanna. Lynlee loved to walk and many will remember seeing Lynlee walking her beloved dogs.

Lynlee's illness eventually made it difficult for her to communicate, but we know that she wanted to say THANK YOU to all the people who have been part of their lives, especially their many loved and appreciated friends. Pete says they have no enemies, only friends yet to be met.

Lynlee was 74 years young on her last birthday. Right up until recently, when her illness prevented it, she worked, holding down several hospitality jobs and helping Peter with their own hire car business. In this busy working life, she still made time for her volunteer organisations; working tirelessly, always with a smile, achieving much but never asking for, nor expecting any accolades.

What an amazing woman! She will be greatly missed by many.

Thank you

Peter would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses & hospital staff, St. John Ambulance staff, the Sexton, the Gravediggers, the Pallbearers, the Wreath Makers, the hearse driver Leonard Schmitz, NI Police for the Police Escort, Toni at Photopress for the Service Sheets, Lions Club for the sound system, Simone James for the music, Karen Innes-Walker for recording the Church Service, Kaa Waa Streaming for live-streaming the graveside service and Governors Lodge for providing the wake.

To those who have provided food, to friends & family near & far that have provided love & support – THANK YOU.

Apologies to anyone not specifically named, you know who you are, and Pete thanks you for your help during this difficult time.

May 10

May 10 is the 130th day of the year (131st in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 235 days remain until the end of the year.

2022 – Queen Elizabeth II misses the State Opening of Parliament for the first time in 59 years. It was the first time that a new session of Parliament was opened by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge acting as Counsellors of State.

2013 – One World Trade Center becomes the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere

1994 – Nelson Mandela is inaugurated as South Africa's first black president.

1975 – Sony introduces the Betamax videocassette recorder.

1962 – Marvel Comics publishes the first issue of The Incredible Hulk.

1924 – J. Edgar Hoover is appointed first Director of the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and remains so until his death in 1972.

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