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Marie (Mim) Kathleen Beadman

12 January 1933 - 31 August 2015

Helen Weldon gave the eulogy at Mim's funeral on Sunday 6 September. The information below has been edited by Helen for inclusion in the Norfolk Islander.

Marie (or Mim as many would know her) was the second daughter of Wesley and Helen Christian (nee Adams). She was born on Norfolk Island on 12 January 1933 and had two sisters – Christine (better known as Kitty or Puss) and May (better known as Nan) who both predeceased her. Mim's father passed away in 1946 – a great loss that all three girls never got over. In 1950 her mother married Jim Edward and along came another much loved sister, Judith and brother, Duncan. Mim was overjoyed to have four siblings and she loved and adored them all. Mum grew up at Shortridge not far from where her brother Duncan now lives.

In 1950 Mim met Russell Beadman, who was part of a group of tradesmen from Australia working on Norfolk and on his return to Canberra they kept in touch. In 1951 Mim, along with her family, moved to Sydney and she worked in David Jones on Elizabeth Street. And every possible weekend (golfing allowed) Russell travelled to Sydney (by train or by catching a lift in a car) to visit. Mim and Russ were married in Canberra at St John's Church Reid on Saturday 22nd November 1952 – the start of an amazing 62 years of married life.

Having enough children to field a cricket team was Mim's dream so she and Russ were absolutely delighted when Wally was born in September 1953 and Helen arrived in November 1954 however having children put a great strain on Mim's health. To fill the void, she welcomed into the family home Wally and Helen's friends who came from far flung parts of the world like Thailand, the United States, parts of Asia, Poland, Greece, Italy and China. They came to visit or



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these different people from different cultures and with different beliefs enriched her life and taught her so much.

When Wally and then Helen married, her immediate family increased by two and she said that she was blessed with the birth of three grandsons – Adam Weldon (now deceased) in 1981, James Beadman in 1983 and Matthew Beadman in 1985. Mim loved her grandsons unconditionally and was immensely proud to watch as each embraced their Island heritage and came to love her Island paradise as much as she did. Regular visits by James and Leah Beadman and Matthew Beadman and Adelita Castro over the past few years filled her with such joy.

Cousin Renee Webster's letter to Auntie Mim was read out.

"I'm sitting here trying to put words together to tell you how much I love you and miss you and how fortunate I have been to have had you in my life – but no words seem worthy enough. How do I tell you that you've been a shining light in my life, my entire life? How do I tell you that I love you with all of my heart and will miss you every day? When Dad called to tell me you'd gone, selfishly I was so sad and devastated. But I know you are where you want to be – with my beautiful Uncle Russ and my equally beautiful cousin, Adam, and no longer in pain. Laugh plenty with Nanny Helen, Auntie Kit and Auntie Nan – yorley gut plenty fe ketch up orn. Rest easy my amazing Auntie Mim. I love you."

The extra time Wally, Nicki, Helen and John and Mim's broader family and friends had with her since last November was invaluable. The hours she spent with her dear friend Dolly were a godsend – how many people tried phoning either Mim or Dolly early in the morning or early in the evening and couldn't get through? Boy, those two could talk! The extra time Mim had, gave Wal and Helen the opportunity to forward plan with her about her care while at home and when she eventually would have to go back into hospital and, importantly, to ensure that her funeral basically mirrored Russ' – a graveside ceremony.

Mim ... May the winds of love blow softly, and whisper for you to hear, that we will always love you, and always feel you near.

Wally and Helen would like to thank: Judy and Ray Steed, Duncan and Kim Edward, Wes Cooper, Dolly Christian, Moochie Christian, and Lisa and Steve Whelan for their love and support; to Leanne Buffett who sat and held Mum's hand and spoke words of encouragement right up until the end; the pall bearers (Bebs Sanders, Mitchell Meers, Wes Cooper Quintal and Brian Buffet); the Reverend Hendrika de Nys; the Norfolk Island Police (Matt and Cheryl); Tardy who safely drove Mum from the Hospital down and up Patchings Hill so she could make one last visit to 179 New Cascade Road and then finally daun a taun; Shane and the grave diggers; Mim's broader Norfolk Island family and friends who have provided food and words of comfort; and the nursing staff at Norfolk Island. A very special thank you to Bill and Sandra Pettitt and Kevin (Mim and Russ' godson) and Vicki Matthews

who made their 2nd visit to Norfolk in less than 12 months to attend a Beadman funeral.

Finally, Dr Bob Challender, we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful care you gave to Mum and for the encouragement, support and guidance you also gave to us both – you are an outstanding and compassionate health professional.

Horace Andrew Evans

We received news this week of the passing in Forster, NSW, of Horace Andrew Evans (born 22 July 1920). The son of Lillian Mabel (nee Smith) & "Black" Andrew Evans.

Horace's wife Francis pre-deceased him 9 years ago. Horace & Francis have ten children and many grand and great-grand children in Australia and beyond.

Horace was farewelled at a service at the Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens Chapel, Taree, NSW. Horace & Francis lived in Sydney for most of their married life before retiring to Forster, and apart from the needs of their own large brood, Horace & Francis found the time (and space) to look after many young and homesick Norfolk Islanders on their first forays into the wide world outside of Norfolk Island.

Thanks to John Bridges, Horace's friend and a veteran visitor to Norfolk Island, for bringing us the news of Horace's passing.



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Dietitian

Our visiting Dietitian, Ms Alexandra McLelland will be available for teleconferencing through the Hospital on Thursday 1st October from 3 – 5 pm.

A Doctors referral is required and appointments can be made by phoning the Hospital on 22091.

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David McCowan
Director
