

**Vale Patricia Frances Conaghan** 

16th February 1955 - 23rd December 2022

Patricia Frances Conaghan, affectionately known as Pat, passed away at the Norfolk Island Hospital on Friday evening 23rd December 2022.

Pat was born at the Norfolk Island Hospital on 16th February 1955.

Pat was the youngest daughter to OE'Noni (nee Buffett) and Morton Conaghan, mother to Kelly and grandmother to Diaz. Sister to Lorraine (Boudan), Kathleen (Bailey), Colleen (Vincent) and Sandra (Woodhouse) and so loved sister-in-law to Gaetan, and Erle, and Auntie to many nieces and nephews.

Pat's endearing personality also extends to her countless friends here on Norfolk Island and abroad.

Affectionately known as Bubs during her younger years as well as Treesh or Trishie.

She is so dearly loved and she will be so dearly remembered.

Let each of us, in our own way, focus on the love, the joy, the happiness that Pat, in her own way brought into our lives.

For having Pat in our lives, we have been blest in so many different ways, but now the time has come for her to rest. In life we loved her dearly, in death we shall do the same.

Throughout her whole life Pat was lovingly cared for by her mother Noni. When Noni passed away in 2000, Pat continued to be cared for day by day by her sisters, in their own individual ways.

The surrendering our dear sister Pat to our loving Lord, is indeed a privilege and a blessing to release her into his tender loving care. We will each treasure, in our own way, the memories we have of our Pat and they will help us to cope today and all of our tomorrows.

No one will ever really know the personal torments Pat endured throughout her whole life.

Pat attended the Norfolk Island Central School, leaving school at fifteen. It was Pat's desire to become

a hairdresser but sadly, Pat was unable to fulfil this ambition

Apart for a few visits to New Zealand and Australia, Pat lived all her life on Norfolk Island.

Pat so enjoyed her weekly 'times' at the N/I Leagues Club and the N/L RSL Club on Friday evenings. Up to the last few weeks Pat was still often winning the weekly 'meat pack' raffle.

We all observed Pat's outward smile but not her inner pain.

Differing pains invaded every single thought Pat had. Indeed, it made Pat cry internally and be so deeply, deeply sad. Pat's physical and mental anguish will now forever cease --- now replaced with peace.

TODAY --- We all remember the great times, the good times we had with Pat.

We will forever remember Pat's sense of humour, some times a little naughty, Pat's singing, the party times she so enjoyed, and her beautiful and very, very generous giving nature.

Everyone who visited Pat in her immaculate kept home at 80 New Cascade Road will remember the friendly welcome, sitting at her kitchen table, and sharing in table-talk. Pat's Bible was always on the

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# In The Village - Open 6 day per week Thursday to Tuesday CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Coffee Machine is ready at 6.30am with Old Quarter Coffee Merchants Coffee So is the kitchen with Bacon & Eggs, Rolls, Breaky Burgers & lots more breakfast items.

#### **BREAKFAST 6.30-11AM**

Muffins and sandwiches and more in the Cake Cabinet every day for smoko!

#### **LUNCH FROM 10AM – 2PM.**

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table, and in her own personal way she understood and believed in her Jesus.

We, Pat's family say --- THANK YOU ---

The time finally came in Pat's daily life that specialist help was needed.

Care Norfolk: staff caring for Pat for many hours each day. To Pauline, Karen, Kelly and, until recently, Nicole thank you for your loving, attentive and patient care. To other past and present Carers, thank you.

Life Without Barriers: Thank you Eve for the caring and professional assistance you gave in giving to Pat the very best requirements following Margie Mah's recommendation for her essential needs.

Norfolk Island Hospital: Thank you to the Doctors, Nurses and all staff who gave to Pat all the nursing attention, caring for her in a very special way – special thanks also go to our Social Worker, Maria.

Norfolk Island Pharmacy: Thank you Ewan, Honi and other staff for your day-to-day medical care each of you gave to Pat. Thanks also to you Gerry.

Norfolk Island Ambulance: Often, in the very early hours of a day you attended to Pat with such love and care bringing her to the hospital. Thank you, James and your staff.

Our special thanks extend also to the wreathmakers, the gravediggers, Tardy, Toni, the Lions Club for the PA System and, to many we may have overlooked our sincere appreciation.

David and Maureen for the wonderful support in the preparation and follow-through of Pat's farewell service.

Then to the many, many friends in our Norfolk Island community. Thank you.

In so many different ways, we have been enriched because Pat has been a part in all our lives.

We all wish you, dear Pat, a sweet and peaceful sleep.

### **OP SHOP**

#### **CLOSING FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAYS**

First day trading: Monday: 16th January 2023

## The OP SHOP (Uniting Church Complex) will not be open during these dates.

Thank you Norfolk Island residents and overseas visitors who support this little Opportunity Shop.

Thank you for the amazing amount of donations we receive from you.

The year was very busy, and this enabled us to support other Charities as well as our local Church.

OP SHOP Volunteers and Management wish everyone Season's Greetings and a Joyful time with family and friends.



#### Thank You

We would like to thank the Norfolk Island community for all your love and support you are amazing.

These people we would like to acknowledge Janet, Bear and Bridgette Graham for looking after Ryan while Anona and I were stuck in Brisbane thank you so much.

Robyn Nicholai in Brisbane for being so supportive daily, food, a place to stay, airport pickups and drop offs.

Alison Christian for setting up the go fund me page and support.

Sandra and Donald Trott on the Goldcoast for emotional support throughout for Anona.

The Norfolk Island hospital staff for being there for us, organizing last minute flights and for helping to bring Anona home and keeping her comfortable.

All Anona's friends and family who have put their arms around us to help take the pain away.

The Norfolk Island Central School staff and pupils for taking care of Ryan while Anona and I were away.

Bruce and Avril Oldfield for looking after Seth in New Zealand and getting him to Norfolk.

The RSL sub branch and all its patrons and staff.

The boys from the shed.

Tardy, Mal and the council boys.

The pallbearers Darren Nicholai, Nathan Nicholai, Joshua Nicholai, Seth Buffett-Cooper, Mitchell Graham and Aaron Graham.

Toni at Photopress, Robyn Butterfield for the flowers. Shane Quintal and David Buffett for the amazing graveside service.

Keiron Lawler and Kevin Randall for getting the live stream around the world for friends and relatives to be a part of Anona's farewell.

To you the people of Norfolk Island, every one of you have been so kind and loving towards us, we know we live on the Bas side on earth.

Love from Ryan, Seth and Brett xxx