



Vale

Peter John Summerscales

1st August 1930 - 28th September 2021

Peter John was born on 1st August 1930 to Herbert and Lucy Summerscales (Ma and Pop Summerscales) in Red Cliffs Victoria (not far from Mildura) joining older siblings Albert (Bene), William (Pud) and Rosette (Rose Quintal) who all have family gathered here today. Later, younger sister Margaret was added to the family and is the last one left now.

Peter grew up in the Sunraysia district around Mildura and fondly remembers playing in the irrigation channels and grape vineyards, at a time when soldier settlers were carving out the mallee to make mostly fruit/vegetable farms.

During the war (WWII) Peter's 2 older brothers served as medics in the Pacific with him being too young to enlist naturally. Peter was employed along

with Pop at Eclipse Radio during this time where they worked presses and other machines making radio equipment.

After the war Pop Summerscales was carrying somewhere around 100 bricks or so on his ute/truck and got pulled up for some bureaucratic reason, something like you can only carry so many bricks without some licence. (see Australia has not changed) so he said to himself 'blow this I am going somewhere better', so as their previous Pastor was here on Norfolk Island, Pop packed up and the family came here. Peter was somewhere around 19 years old at this time.

Peter worked all about on Norfolk with various people and jobs as was common in those days doing things like farming with Greg Quintal who was a lifelong friend and working the ship, digging wells. and probably cruising/hooning about on his BSA motorbike with the straight-out pipe exhaust and sidecar.

In the early 60s Shirley came to Norfolk with a girlfriend on holiday and dem two met and soon got married in Christchurch New Zealand shortly thereafter on 10th May 1962. They are one year short of 60 years married.

Pete and Shirl first lived in Breen's house down Campbell's Corner (what is now "Daa Edge") and then next door, while they built their own house on Mission Road.

Within 10 years they also had 4 children Brenda, Ian, Alan and Grant.

Around this time Peter started working on the Airport for DCA where he worked for about 30 years as a grounds man, where he was affectionally known simply as Dad to his work colleagues.

He worked alongside Ben "Booboo" Christian, Bill "Pumper" Adams, Peter "Sam" Christian, Sid "Coop" Cooper, Will-Yarm Menzies, Robbie Chapman, Spindles and Francis Menghetti, Ross Westwood, Kelvin Adams and a quite few more as well over the years. Moochie and Bas Randal.

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A surprising thing happened one day when they were sitting eating smoko when they looked out the window and saw the chamberlain tractor taking itself for a drive (luckily in circles).

“Dad” had parked it next to the fuel tanks to be filled up after morning tea and Keith Bigg had backed the fuel truck out of the fuel depot and bumped the back tyre which was enough to turn the engine and off the chamberlain merrily went, Keith being unaware drove off maybe he looked behind and the tractor had driven off so he saw nothing, anyhow Basil Randall being the spriteliest jumped up and took off in hot pursuit and shut the old girl down before it ran into anything.

After work and Sundays Peter and the children built up and cleaned up the farm clearing bush, fencing and caring for cows and planting a garden or 3 gardens at one stage which kept the red Fergie tractor busy. Also keep Shirley busy too dealing with produce. We thort was hard work but it is much better place now.

Peter also loved working in his shed which he extended to make more workshop space at one stage (but not before extending the house for Shirley and the children)

Peter collected all the tools he needed over the years including 2 lathes and multiple welders which he amused himself (his words) building tractor implements and repairing a wide assortment of things for both himself and others.

He quite enjoyed this activity and the 3 boys all followed on various engineering/mechanical pursuits. And all have inherited the many skills learnt working alongside him.

Peter was proud of his children and their various accomplishments and would tell others what they achieved given half a chance.

So it worked out Peter was single for 30 years worked and raised his own family for 30 years and was retired for 30 years. Just quietly I think he liked the retirement years the best, even though he had heart troubles to start with and required bypass surgery at one stage, he was soon back out inna fance on his Iseki tractor and in the workshop. Of late however he limited his scope to the garden and workshop, and even hilled up his own irish tatie (3 rows) despite being told to “lubbee we will do it for you” and digging up sweet tatie for all who wunt et.

Peter shared his birthday with the racehorses and liked to tell others that, as well as telling he was a mallee bull and seemingly, he was, he worked hard and sometimes stubbornly Then left us with a rush, He was out shopping on Friday and gone on Tuesday.

Thank You

Peters Family would like to thank all who helped make his journey to his resting place a success, including the Hospital staff who cared for him over the 91 years and his final day in ward 7, and the men who dug and decorated down a town, Tardi for being his chauffeur, Gav at the works depot for doing your

thing, the ladies at not the usual place, the many who expressed their condolences, the ladies who organised the wake and the lovely wettles afterward, Toni and Russ at photopress, anyone else myse mushy brain se overlook and everyone who attended.

Everyone who cared Es tru orl yorlye mek et so much batta en easier fa goe thru wun difficult time, yu el mek something ent a gude thing a gude thing.

So thank yu from the bottom of awas heart.

Love you all.

Sudoku Number 486 - Medium

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9	1	2	4	6	5	3	8	7
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SUDOKU RULES

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

Last week's solution

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

when transporting firewood, machinery, green waste, plants or any other organic materials across the Island to avoid spreading the Argentine Ants into new areas.

