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It was a great shock to us all to hear on Thursday morning that Sam Cook had died suddenly at his home in Taylor's Road, the evening before.

Sam and his wife Jemima have been resident on Norfolk for the past 15 months and have been very busy in that time, renovating and improving their Ferny Lane flats, living rather quietly as a consequence - Jemima's interest in the community being a member of the Country Womens Association and Sam's as a member of the R.S.L.

Augustus Samuel Cook, an Englishman, was only 59 years but we understand his health has been anything but good for the last 12 years. An ex-serviceman, he was a member of the Royal Artillery. He was also a Mason. Before coming to Norfolk they had been living in Australia for some years.

In the time they have been on Norfolk both Sam and Jemima have made some good friends among the small circle of people with whom they have come in contact and we know that Jemima will be well supported during this sad time.

Their son John was able to arrive on the island in time to support his mother at the funeral service conducted by the Rev. Philip Kitchin at Chapel on Thursday afternoon and on Friday afternoon their two daughters (one lives in Adelaide) arrived so that besides friends it is comforting to know that Jemima will have her family with her in the ensuing days of shock and bereavement.

Our very sincere condolences to you and your family, Jemima. Sam's good fellowship and bright personality, despite his ill-health, is going to be missed on Norfolk.