



Vale
Susan Janet Pedel

20 July 1933 - 27 February 2025

Susan was the fourth child of Keren Happuch Gertrude, known as Kiri and Alexander Wilson.

Alex Wilson, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, was sent to Norfolk Island by his family with the knowledge that the Island would assist with his health issues developed as a result of his service in WW1.

Alex married Keren on Norfolk Island and they had 4 children, George Allen (Shiloh), Kathleen Mary, Elizabeth Mary and Susan Janet.

Susan was born when her mother, Keren was collecting kindling in the valley of Hiside, Steeles Point. Sadly, Keren passed away when the children were very young, Susan being just 18 months old. These were difficult times on the Island and Alex had left for mainland Australia to seek work.

After Keren passed away Susan was adopted by Esther Ethelyne (the middle daughter of Hilda Ethelyne Allen) and Lyle Heywood Quintal. The 3 older children went to live with Uncle Peter at Longridge.

Susan was the last living grandchild of Joseph McLeave Allen Buffett and Kathleen Laura Nobbs. Susan's death marks the end of a generation.

Susan was the centre of attention of all up Grassy Road. They called her "Babe" and they say that she never truly smiled until she was 3 years old.

Esther and Lyle Heywood Quintal travelled to New Zealand for him to take employment on the railways. It was at this time that Lyle was given the nickname "Puff".

It was during their time in New Zealand that they discovered that Susan had perfect pitch and the singing started.

Puff and Esther returned to Norfolk when Susan was 6 almost 7 years old.

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Susan Janet Pedel - continued

Susan left Norfolk Island at the age of 16 to start a career in nursing. She returned to have Christmas with her family and it was at this time her mother, Esther was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Susan remained on the island following the diagnosis and nursed her mother until she passed.

In 1952 Susan gave birth to her first child, a daughter, Ethelyne Quintal.

She met Stanley Francis Burns during his employment on the island with DCA, where he worked as a linesman. They were married on 17 July 1953. Her second child, a boy, Robert John Burns was born in 1954. Stan and Susan left Norfolk following Robert's birth where Stan was posted for a short time in Darwin. After Darwin they returned to Stan's hometown of Gosford, NSW and in July 1955 Susan gave birth to her last child, Julieanne.

Susan sang at a local club in Gosford and was billed as "Hawaiian Sue".

In 1960 Susan returned to Norfolk Island with her 3 Children and they resided with her Aunts in Grassy Road.

Susan was employed at Hopkins General Store in Burnt Pine and it was during this time she met Chris Dunsmere Pedel blending 2 families and living in Mill Road. They married in 1969.

Susan worked all her life and held positions in a number of establishments on Norfolk Island, Burns Philip, Irvines, the Tourist Bureau, the Trading Post and Bounty Lodge. She also hosted at Bishops Court and Pinetree Tours focussing on language, culture and traditions of Norfolk Island,

Susan was very much an integral part of NATS theatre productions on Norfolk and gave a lot of energy to her performances.

Susan remained passionate about her singing and music all her life and wrote a number of songs that can still be heard on VL2NI.

In the late 1970s when Susan's first grandchild commenced at Banyan Park Susan started to play the piano for the children. She continued this voluntary service until her last grandchild completed the Banyan Park journey.

Susan, recognising the diverse cultures on the island was instrumental in forming the multicultural Festival.

Susan was also a founding member of the Norfolk Island RSL Day Club, White Oaks, in 1999; and was an active member of the Norfolk Island Hospital Auxilliary for a number of years.

Susan and Chris and their blended family lived in Mill Road for 60 years. Firstly, in the house he built with his Grandfather Chris Nobbs and later building another dwelling up the paddock. Life down Cascade was a simple organic lifestyle.

In 1973 the first grandchild, Bianca was born followed by Iain, Kimberley, Jess and Caitlin. Susan and Chris also have great grandchildren, Joel, Zara, Elsie Pearl, Ava and Daisy.

Susan had a full life and left this world peacefully at the Norfolk Island Hospital on 27 February surrounded by her family. She will be remembered for her singing

voice, her vivaciousness and her ability to light up a room and entertain.

Susan will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thank You

The family of the late Susan Janet Pedel would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for the kindness shown to them before and after Susan's passing.

Our thanks go to the Drs and nursing staff at the Norfolk Island hospital. This hospital has been so good to our family over the last 10 years and for that we will be extremely grateful.

To David Buffett for your attendance at Susan's bedside prior to her passing and for conducting the service and reading the Eulogy. To Reverend Carleton for the reading of Psalm 84 and leading the congregation in Prayer.

To Jodie and Toni for the program. You did Susan proud displaying the photos.

To Don Reynolds for leading the singing and playing guitar as requested by Susan.

To Shane and the gravediggers and the special person who provided them with food.

To Joe, Kerry and Miles for decorating the mound.

To Sim for the recorded music and Chris Gatehouse on behalf of the Lions club for the sound system.

To Luke, Kevin and Kieran for the live streaming service.

To Meg, Freshie and the children for distributing the programs.

To Robyn and all the wonderful women who made the wreaths to decorate the Coffin. So many flowers in a time of drought...thank you.

Thank you to NIRC for the coffin and Leonard for driving Susan to her final resting place.

To the pall bearers and our supportive extended family and the little children who helped in so many ways by just being there.

Special thanks to Susan for being our mum, grandmother and great grandmother.

Kind regards

Julie Burns and Lynn Quintal

