

In Loving Memory of



Jean Charlotte Sharpe

26th December 1928 – 20th August 2021

R&G Stephenson's Funeral Chapel, West Wyalong
Thursday 26th August 2021
Auxiliary Lieutenant Caleb Smith

OPENING SONG “The Old Rugged Cross” Alan Jackson

WELCOME Auxiliary Lieutenant Caleb Smith

EULOGY read by Julie Sharpe

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

MESSAGE Caleb Smith

REFLECTION SONG "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Alan Jackson

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust Jean to your merciful keeping: in the faith of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory forever. Amen

SILENT REFLECTION

LORDS PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and glory, forever and ever Amen

CLOSING SONG "Amazing Grace" Daniel O'Donnell

PALL BEARERS John Sharpe Noel Sharpe Leon Sharpe
Zac Sharpe Noel Fealy Michael Iverach

JEANS STORY

Jean Charlotte Hammond was born on 26th December 1928 in West Wyalong. She was the fifth of eight children born to Reuben and Selena Hammond and was raised on the family farm at Mallee Vale with her siblings May, Jessie, Bill, Louise, Albert, Nellie and Betty. From a young age Jean helped her mother care for her brothers and sisters and took on her fair share of chores around the farm including digging up mallee roots with Bill to sell. During the depression years she worked at Ernie Mitchell's doing house duties and looking after the kids. She also worked at Connors Turkey Farm next to Mallee Vale plucking turkeys. Any money she made was given to her mother for her father who was sick and couldn't work. When Selena became ill Jean took on the responsibilities of caring for her.

In her late teens Jean met a young returned soldier named Ernie who was boarding with her sister Jessie and husband Roy. On the 7th October 1948 Jean Charlotte Hammond and Ernest Fredrick Sharpe were married. During this time she worked at Mrs Sanderson's Store and doing house work for Mrs Stephenson.

Jean and Ernie settled into married life at Oakhurst Station and later on their small acreage "Glen Lea" on the outskirts of West Wyalong. Soon after, they had their firstborn John and a few years later Noel arrived. Raising the boys kept her very busy with Ernie often away for work. As their families grew Jean and her siblings enjoyed spending time together and catching up whenever they could. Nellie and Jean were particularly close having both remained in West Wyalong and enjoyed many trips to visit Betty and family in Wyoming. I expect Jean and Nell often needed a united front to tackle the shenanigans of this lot in their younger days, which were probably being led astray by Uncle Alby.

Jean was made of tough stuff and not afraid of hard work. She continued to do whatever she could to help out around the farm and provide for her family. Jean loved to garden and was also very creative often spending time working on her needle and handiwork. She was a beautiful, selfless, caring lady who has always put others before herself.

In 1974 Noel welcomed his son Leon. A few years later they moved to the family farm with Jean raising Leon as her own. Her brother Albert joined them at Glen Lea in the early 90's. He remained living with Jean and Ern and as his health deteriorated Jean took on his carer responsibilities until his passing in July 2001.

Leon took Julie home to meet the family in 1990. I was welcomed with open arms and my family members also joining the fold. Jean however reminding me on more than one occasion over the years that Leon called her Mum until I arrived on the scene.

Jean's brother Bill moved into Glen Lea for a few years with Jean taking care of him during this time before his death in January 2008.

Over the years Jean has been an active and dedicated Soldier of the Salvation Army performing the roles of Home League Secretary, Colour Sargent and working in the Salvation Army Op Shop when it was operational in town. She was also involved in many local community groups including the Spinners & Weavers, Porcelain Art Club, RSL Women's Auxiliary and the Gold Miners Club.

The family continued to grow with Leon and Julie welcoming Allana in 1998 and then Zac in 2001. The arrival of these two great grandchildren brought so much joy to Ernie and Jean's lives. Jean would busy herself knitting or crocheting blankets or clothing for them. She enjoyed seeing them each week and would be sure to send them home with a bag full of treats and goodies after each visit.

It was during 2007 that Noel returned home to West Wyalong and Jean was delighted to have her boys, John and Noel, together again in their family home. Jean cared for Ernie at home as he aged until his passing in July 2008. She continued her independence and enjoyed her regular trips to town and spending her days with her little companion dog Tootsie.

In the more recent years Jean relied on Noel for support and was able to continue living at home with John looking after the farm. She continued to love catching up with her family and friends, sharing stories and chatting about life with them all. She was particularly proud of her grand children: Leon; Allana and Zac and was delighted to meet her great great granddaughter Alexis in 2019. She was grateful to be able to attend the marriage of Allana and Toby earlier this year and was looking forward to the arrival of their newest little bundle of joy in December.

Jean did not have wealth however her life was overflowing with the riches of a loving family and dear friends. She enjoyed living a long, simple life and was happiest when surrounded by those dearest to her. The family will not be the same without you Jean and I couldn't have asked for a better mother in law and grandmother for our children.

Mum, Nan, Jean, Aunty Jean: whatever she was to you, we will all remember her as strong, caring, generous and much loved. She was a blessing to us all and will be forever missed.















Jean's family thank you for your thoughts, prayers and messages of good will. We will always be grateful for your prayers, love and support.



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