

Lynnette Mavis Saunders

1943 to 2021



Lynne was born in Ipswich in February 1943, the daughter of Charles and Dulce Poynting. She was the eldest of 5 children with siblings Carol, John, Susan and Kevin.

Lynne spent most of her childhood in Lismore. When she was 14 the family moved to Belmont. Lynne left school soon after, even though she had an extremely high IQ and all of her teachers pleaded with her to complete her schooling. She then attended Secretarial school and gained a job in insurance at Lumley's in Bolton Street. This is where she met Dugald Thomson.

Lynne and Dugald were married in 1964 and later that year embarked on a journey overseas where they travelled around Europe for 2 years. When they returned to Australia work took them to Gosford where their first child David was born in February 1968. They then moved to Moree where their second child Fiona was born in June 1970. Not long after that Dugald was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 1971.

In 1974 Lynne ran into John Saunders, whom she uncannily had been introduced to by Dugald at Bar Beach, some 6 years before. It was instantaneous love and attraction and they married in 1976. They moved to Bar Beach and this is where they have enjoyed living ever since.

One year after Lynne and John were married Eliza was born followed by Georgie 2 years later and Abby was a surprise 5 years after Georgie, when Lynne fell pregnant aged 41.

Despite being a family of 7, life in the Saunders household was ordered, warm, and fun. Lynne always had the house in order, everything from the shopping, the cleaning, washing, to the cooking. Lynne was an excellent seamstress, sewing the kids' clothes and making herself the most fantastic outfits.

Lynne loved to travel and from the late 80s she and John would annually travel overseas. They also went on regular family holidays, with all 7 often piled into the one car up to Queensland.

Lynne was an exceptional Bridge player and enjoyed the different groups she played with. She valued her friendships dearly and would effortlessly host many social gatherings.

Lynne had 12 adoring grandkids. This kept her quite busy in the latter part of her life.

In October 2019 Lynne was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. It saw Lynne admitted to hospital 7 times plus multiple day trips for chemotherapy. She underwent major spinal surgery with radiotherapy plus minor surgery for fluid in her ears, a 2-week admission for an acute bowel infection and tried 4 different chemotherapy drug options.

Lynne took all of this gracefully in her stride, with a smile on her face until the very end. She made the most of her final 14 months and her last few weeks were spent with family by her bedside.

Lynne will be greatly missed by her family and all that knew her. Her arms were always open, and her house was always welcoming to family and friends. She will be forever in our hearts.

