



Roma Dawn Lee

15/2/1930 – 6/6/2019

Roma was born in Moorland NSW- the first child of William James Ward and Florence Margaret (nee Atkinson) and in the ensuing years the family grew to include siblings Colin, Ross, Betty and Ian. She was educated at Moorland Primary and Taree High School and in 1949 moved to Newcastle to pursue a nursing career at Watt Street Hospital.

On the 10th November 1951 she married Colin William Lee at St John's Anglican Church Taree. In 1953 Roma and Colin purchased their first and only home at 19 David Street Georgetown - the home that for the next 65 years was to be the gathering place for family, friends and neighbours.

In 1954 a daughter Susan Margaret was born and in 1960 a second daughter Belinda Dawn (Jo). As was the custom in those days Roma gave up her nursing career to become a domestic goddess when she started a family. She managed the household budget, kept an immaculate house, sewed the majority of the girl's clothes and baked up a storm every Friday afternoon – the home ran like clockwork.

Roma was involved in supporting her daughters in their academic and sporting activities – driving them to their various swimming training and carnivals, netball coaching and fixtures. She herself was fitness conscious and participated in physical culture, aqua aerobics and walking. She also enjoyed yoga - an interest she pursued for over 50 years.

In 1980 her career as a grandmother began and she was a very-hands on 'Mumma' to Luke, Jacob, Byron and Georgia.

Sport was her passion – she was a keen supporter of the Knights and the Jets. She also enjoyed watching all codes of football, cricket, swimming and tennis from her favourite chair in the lounge room at David Street. She also enjoyed knitting, tapestry and cross words. She loved a good lunch with friends that she had met through nursing, yoga, aqua aerobics and her involvement with St Mathews Anglican Church Georgetown.

Roma passed away after a 10-week illness with her husband Colin by her side. She was a dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother, "Roma" to her great grandchildren and sister and sister in law to her beloved Betty and Max.