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MARGARET JANE WALMSLEY

A Life Dedicated to the Health Profession

Margaret was born on the 6th August, 1955 and departed this life on the 5th January, 2008 the third child of Gordon and Jean Watson. Margaret commenced her schooling at Red Range Public School and continued to Glen Innes High School. On completing her School Certificate in 1971 came TAFE and Secretarial Studies pending her attaining the age of seventeen years when she could follow her life long ambition to become a Nurse.

Margaret entered the nursing profession at Glen Innes District Hospital in January, 1973, where she completed her general training of some 3 years duration. She then commenced her Midwife Training at Crown Street Women's Hospital in Sydney and on completion of this went Nursing in the Western Queensland town of Quilpie before taking up further study at Princess Margaret Hospital in Perth in the Burns Unit. Itchy feet and a strong sense of adventure saw her leaving Australian shores to spend some two years living and working overseas in various occupations including being a nanny in the Scottish Highlands and touring extensively throughout the continent and through Russia and back home through Asia. Margaret returned to Australia early in 1980 and worked as a midwife at various places including Singleton and Glen Innes. It was also during this time that she married Bill Walmsley. Margaret's long held ambition to specialise in infant and childcare nursing again saw her in mid 1982 go to Sydney to study at Tresillian Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies to gain the necessary certificates in this field. She then returned to Glen Innes and took up a position in Community Health as a Baby Health Care Nurse. Margaret continued to work in her chosen field for the remainder of her working life as well as becoming a very proud and devoted mother to Christopher and Jessica. She continued to work in Baby Health and then branched into the Hearing field and became skilled in Audiometry. She never stopped learning new skills to assist those in her care. Indeed as the years passed, many of those that she had cared for as babies returned with their own babies. She knew no knockoff time when she had a client who needed that little extra helping hand. Many a testimony has been heard from those she has helped in big ways and small. Certainly she at all times upheld her pledge to care for those in her care. Margaret was absolutely devoted to her family, she loved the farm life, her chosen field of work, which spanned 34 years and was a wonderful friend and mentor to so many.

Margaret was also a keen photographer and has left a beautiful legacy of many gorgeous photographs.

Margaret was initially diagnosed with breast cancer in early January 2002 and subsequently developed secondaries in July 2006. She underwent chemotherapy and radiotherapy both after the initial diagnosis and the subsequent secondaries. With an open mind and a positive belief that she would overcome her cancer, Margaret also explored and sought additional assistance from natural health alternatives to assist her recovery and fought to the end to regain her health.

Margaret always cared so much about other and her quiet courage and dignity was truly a lesson to all that had the privilege to share time with her.

You will always be remembered on our fondest of memories.

Your loving husband Bill, son Christopher and daughter Jessica.