



Suzanne Margaret Russell

25th of March 1940
to
22nd of May 2004

27th of May 2004

Welcome.

Thank you for joining our family to remember and farewell Suzanne. All of you have been touched, as we have, by her wisdom and dedication to whatever she became involved with. Many of you know a part of what she did. Her activities were diverse. As a consumer representative she has contributed to many decisions impacting upon the lives of many people.

Perhaps her most significant contribution has been through 'Cookery The Australian Way'. Through almost 40 years and many editions and reprints this book has been the introduction to food preparation, nutrition and consumer science for up to 2,000,000 Australian secondary school students. Now in its 7th edition, it is almost impossible to acquire a secondhand copy. It is handed down from one generation to the next.

I met Suzanne when we were both at school, I was at Melbourne High School and Suzanne was at Mac Robertson Girls High School. She said we met at dancing class, I am not so sure. But meet we did and we went out together for about 2 years and then went our separate ways for a while.

We started going out again and one day she asked if we should continue to see one another.

I said – yes.

I have never regretted that response and I don't believe she regretted asking the question.

We were married in January 1963, just after I finished University and was penniless.

Our first child, Mark, was born the next year.

We had separate professional lives and our joint life, centered about our family. This separate development of professional identities was somewhat foreign at the time and it allowed us both to grow as individuals without compromising our family. When the children were young Suzanne pursued her professional interests in a voluntary way, building a strong basis for her appointment to RMIT. Meanwhile, through her example, love and guidance, the children developed the strong independent skills they show today.

Her support as my wife and partner was essential to me.

We were apart many times as we traveled in the pursuit of our careers. I missed her, but I knew we would be together again.

This time she will not come home and her memory, the freedom she gave me to pursue my activities and the product of our life together - our children and their children - will sustain me through the years to come.

I have had a wonderful life with her.

Today we give thanks for her life, her dedication and her love, and the guidance she has given us.

Her memory will inspire us all.

Suzanne, farewell 'til we meet again.

Love, Jim.

ORDER OF SERVICE

...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Timothy 1:12

Entrance Music

Mac.Robertson Girls High School String Quartet

Call to Worship

The Very Rev. E. R. Pearsons

Hymn

Mac Robertson Girls High School Choir will lead the congregation, please join them.

23rd Psalm: The Lord is My Shepherd

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in Gods house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

Prayer

The Very Rev. E. R. Pearsons

Lord's Prayer (Repeat)

*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,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson

Mark Russell

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 + 14 (KJB)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose
under the heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time
to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a
time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a
time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones
together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to
cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and
a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of
peace.

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing
can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God
doeth it, that men should fear before him.

New Testament Lesson
Peter Russell

John 14:1 -6 (NKJV)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Lift Thine Eyes – Felix Mendelsohn

“Komm herbei, Tod!” – Johannes Brahms

Mac Robertson Girls High School Choir

The Rose - thoughts by Andrew & Karen

As a symbol of Mum's life, four roses have been placed near the coffin. At the end of the ceremony Mark, Andrew, Peter and Karen will take home one each as a lasting memory of their love for their mother.

As the roses grow and their branches extend and strengthen they will be a reminder of how she touched and supported not only us and our families, but so many others.

We should also remember that each rose has sharp thorns. This too was true of Mum. Throughout her life she had her share of sadness and tragedy but her thorns were also used to show others that she would not tolerate injustice or selfish blindness to other people's needs.

The flowers will retell the story of the happiness we shared with her and the love and tenderness she had for each one of us.

The falling petals will nourish the ground below for Mum was above all a woman of great strength, a catalyst who taught us we must strive to achieve our dreams and, as she did, to live in the present moment fully. *Carpe diem* symbolized her way of life.

We are grateful to have been a part of her journey

Reflection

The Very Rev. E. R. Pearsons

Eulogy

Mr. Geoff Sinclair and Mrs. Kay Harkness

Closing Prayer

The Very Rev. E. R. Pearsons

Musical Reflection - Choir Pie Jesu

Mac Robertson Girls High School Choir

Benediction

The Very Rev. E. R. Pearsons

The family will accompany Suzanne from the Church. Please remain seated and enjoy the music until Suzanne has departed.

Recessional Music

Mac Robertson Girls High School String Quartet

Jim, Margaret, George, Mark, Andrew, Peter and Karen and their families wish to thank you for the love and kind support you have shown following the sudden loss of Suzanne. Your presence and words of comfort have been a great support to them and are much appreciated.

After Suzanne has left, they welcome you to share in afternoon tea at 7 Seach St, South Caulfield.

SUZANNE MARGARET RUSSELL AM

Academic Qualifications:

Master of Business Administration, *RMIT* 1989.
Bachelor of Education (Home Economics), *Victoria College* 1984.
Diploma of Domestic Arts, *Larnook DATC* 1961.
Trained Secondary Teachers' Certificate, *Larnook DATC* 1960.
Matriculation & Secondary Schooling, *Mac.Robertson Girls High School* 1954-57.

Employment:

2001 – present Consumer Affairs consultant to RMIT University, State & Federal Governments.
1994 - 2000 Associate Professor in Consumer Science and Course Co-ordinator, BAppSc(Consumer Science), Department of Food Science, RMIT University.
1979 - 1994 Senior Lecturer and Course Co-ordinator, Consumer Science, Faculty of Applied Science, RMIT.
1978 Executive Officer, Consumers' Association of Victoria Inc.
1973 - 78 Home Duties/Consumer Affairs Consultant to Industry and Government.
1963 - 73 Home Duties / Emergency Teaching, Education Department of Victoria.
1961 - 63 Home Economics teacher, Malvern Girls High School.

Publications:

Cameron & Russell, *Cookery the Australian Way*, Macmillan, Seventh edition 2003, Sixth edition 1998 (3 reprints), Fifth edition 1993 (3 reprints), Fourth edition 1987 (7 reprints), Third edition 1980 (8 reprints), Second edition 1974 (5 reprints), First edition 1966 (11 reprints).
Russell & Williams, *Cooking for One or Two*, Council on the Ageing, 1974.

Awards & Scholarships:

2001 Member of the Order of Australia, for 'service to consumer advocacy, protection and education'.
2001 Fellowship, Home Economics Institute of Australia
2000 Honorary Life Membership, Australian Nutrition Foundation
1998 Honorary Life Membership, Australian Consumers' Association.
1990 Inaugural Home Economist of the Year award.

- 1988 O'Malley Trust Post-Graduate Scholarship, University of Melbourne.
- 1987 Honorary Life Membership, Victorian Home Economics & Textile Teachers' Association.
- 1977 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal for Services to Consumers.

Government Appointments - Current:

- Trustee, Travel Compensation Fund (appointed by the Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs, 1999, reappointed 2002).
- Member, Food Safety Council, Victoria (appointed by Minister for Health, 1997, reappointed 2002) and Chair, Victorian Government Food Standards Committee,(2000 to present).
- Member, Victorian State & Territory Advisory Committee, Stronger Families & Communities Strategy, Department of Family and Community Services (appointed by Minister 2001)
- Member, Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (Occupational & Business Regulation List) (appointed by Attorney-General in 1998, reappointed 1999 for five years).
- Chair of Trustees, King & Amy O'Malley Scholarship Trust, responsible for awarding annual undergraduate and post-graduate scholarships Australian wide (appointed by Minister for Education in 1991).

Professional, Industry & Community Activities - Current:

- President, Council of Mac.Robertson Girls High School, 2000 to present.
- Chair, Independent Living Skills Project, RMIT University, 1984 to present.
- Member & Public Officer, Home Economics Institute of Australia (Secretary 1981-83)
- Member & Public Officer, Home Economics Institute of Australia (Victoria Division) (President 1980)

Government Appointments - Previous:

- Member, Food Industry Advisory Council, advisory body to Premier of Victoria, 1999-2001
- Member, Date Marking of Food Review Panel, Australian & New Zealand Food Authority, 1995-1999.
- Chair, Victorian Consumer Affairs Committee, advisory body to Minister for Fair Trading, 1991-1999.
- Member, Australian Delegation to the FAO Conference on International Food Trade Beyond 2000, (appointed by Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry).
- Member, National Advisory Council on Consumer Affairs, 1997-1999 (appointed by Federal Minister for Consumer Affairs).

Member, Australian Delegation to the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Session on Food Import & Export Inspection & Certification Systems, 1998 (appointed by Minister for Primary Industry).

Member, Estate Agents Disciplinary & Licensing Tribunal, 1995-1998 (appointed by Attorney-General).

Member, Travel Agents Disciplinary & Licensing Tribunal, 1996-1998 (appointed by Attorney-General).

Member, Recycling & Resource Recovery Council, 1995-1997, (appointed by State Minister for Conservation & Environment).

Commissioner, National Standards Commission, 1989-1993 (appointed by Federal Minister for Science & Technology).

Consumer Representative, Quarantine Policy Council, 1985-1992 (appointed by Federal Minister for Primary Industries & Energy).

Consumer Representative, Australian Food Standards Council, 1976-1981, 1989-1991 (appointed by Federal Minister for Health).

Member, Victorian Government Food & Nutrition Consultative Council, 1988-1991 (appointed by State Minister for Health).

Member, State Government Inquiry into Environmental Labelling ("Greenspot Report"), 1990-1991 (appointed by Minister for Conservation & Environment).

Tertiary Home Economics Representative, Accreditation Advisory Committee of the Victorian Curriculum Advisory Board, 1988.

Member, National Consumer Affairs Advisory Council, 1981-1987 (appointed by Federal Minister for Consumer Affairs).

Member, Federal Government Inquiry into Victim Toys, 1987.

Member, State Government Inquiry into Anti-Social Toys, 1987.

Member, State Government Inquiry into Controls over Sale of Milk in Victoria, 1986.

Member, Ministry of Education Home Economics Curriculum Committee, 1983-1984.

Member, Victorian Institute of Secondary Education, Home Economics Advisory Committee, 1981-1983.

Member, Market Court, Victoria, appointed by Minister for Consumer Affairs, 1978.

Member, Consumer Goods & Service Industries Committee of the Metric Conversion Board, 1976-1980.

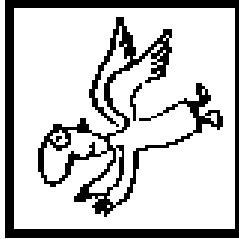
Professional, Industry & Community Activities - Previous:

- Board Member, Consumer Law Centre, independent consumer research and advocacy organisation established as result of cy pres court decision, 1992 to 2003 (Chair 1996-99).
- Executive Member & Public Officer, Consumers' Association of Victoria, 1972 – 2000, Chair 1977-1980.
- NGO Representative, Consumers' International, FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Session on Food Import & Export Inspection & Certification Systems, 1999.
- Council Member, Standards Australia, 1987-1998.
- Council Member, Australian Consumers' Association, 1975-1998 (Chair 1994-97).
- State Representative on Council, Australian Nutrition Foundation, 1991-1994.
- Convenor, Strategic Planning Committee, Home Economics Association of Australia, 1992-1994.
- President, Council of Mac.Robertson Girls High School, 1991-1994.
- External Consultant, Queensland Univ. of Tech., re-accreditation of BAppSci(Consumer Science), 1993.
- Council Member, Nutrition Victoria, 1987-1993.
- External Consultant, Univ. of South Australia, re-accreditation of BEd(Family & Community Studies), 1992.
- Chair, Organising Committee, International Federation of Home Economics Council Meeting, Australia, 1990.
- External Consultant, Edith Cowan University, re-accreditation of BAppSci(Consumer Science) course, 1989.
- Member, Home & Community Safety Committee, National Safety Council, 1981-1987.
- Council Member, Child Accident Prevention Foundation, 1982-1984.
- Convenor, Home Economics/Consumer Affairs Committee, National Council of Women, 1979-1982.
- Council Member, Australian Federation of Consumer Organisations, 1975-1981 & 1989-1993 (Chair 1981).
- Secretary, Home Economics Association of Australia, 1981-83.
- President, Home Economics Association of Victoria, 1980.

Our family has received a great deal of support – from those present at Suzanne’s accident, those who cared for her in hospital and those who assisted in arranging this celebration.

Today’s music is provided by the Choir and String Quartet of Mac Robertson Girls High School.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all.



Hold on to it like you hold a day old chicken
Hold on to it like you hold a live fish
Hold on to it like you hold a horse
Hold on to it like you hold a bowl of soup
Hold on to it like you hold a door open for the Queen Mother
Letting go of it is just as difficult
And shall be dealt with at some later date

Michael Leunig