

Lloyd Larney

Eulogy Presented by Shirley, at Lloyd's Funeral Service

Maleny Uniting Church, 30 October 2010



Welcome dear friends here today with me and our son, Michael and our daughter, Kerry, Judy, and our grandsons, Richard, Shaun, Andrew and their families.

Dearest Lloyd arrived into this world at Murwillumbah on St Patricks Day, 17th March, 1929. The third son of Rupert and Kate Larney. He had three brothers, Terry, Jack and Max, and one sister, Glad. Max is now the only surviving member of the family.

The family moved several times before finally settling in Maleny. Lloyd attended Witta school for a number of years. The family moved to Maleny and purchased the home in which Lloyd and I have lived since 1969. Lloyd and I were married, Easter Monday, 6th April, 1953 in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Brisbane.

Lloyd purchased the school transport business from his father and Lloyd and I gained many friendships during that time. He became a scout leader with Bob Pointing. We renewed our friendship with Isobel and Phyllis Bryce.

Lloyd was invited to become a member of the Rotary Club of Maleny. An association that he and I enjoyed for so many years. The theme for his year as President was "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

Being a member of the RSL Club of Maleny was also a long term and happy association for both Lloyd and myself.

The Maleny State Emergency Service, the Maleny Show Society, and the early beginning of the Maleny Bush Fire Brigade were some of the areas in which he became interested. He was Deputy Fire Warden with Tom Malone.

When Isobel and Phyllis Bryce decided to give their property to the Uniting Church for the establishment of a retirement village both Lloyd and I became members of the committee. Eventually Lloyd became Chairman. We spent many years devoted to Ben Bryce Park Retirement Village. We enjoyed the company of the many volunteers. When Lance Tainton and crew were building the church, Lloyd was never afraid of heights, as Margaret Pow said "up in the high parts of the ceiling".

Lloyd welcomed with love to the family Richard's wife, Vicki, Andrew's wife, Kaycee and our GREAT GRAND CHILDREN - Breanna, Jack, Lola, dearest Louie (who was born sleeping), and Macie.

Something which may surprise you was his love and enjoyment of music and singing of the operas – The Tenors and watching Andre Reiu concerts. Our wonderful weekends at Ballendean and the Operas in the Vineyards and the hospitality of Angelo and Mary Puglisi.

Lloyd loved his garden especially growing pumpkins and snow peas. He enjoyed a game of bowls and watching cricket, and most certainly a game of bridge. We spent many late nights in the company of special friends, Peggy and Phil Ruddle, Men verses Ladies.

The past few weeks had not been comfortable for Lloyd. The care and love given to him whilst in Beech Lodge from the dedicated carers has been just so wonderful and they treated Lloyd like one of their own.

Thank you to family and friends who have travelled distances to be here. Thank you for the many cards and thoughtful messages, the beautiful flowers and the delicious meals which we have enjoyed. The caring visits were so helpful and not forgetting Jared who has kept Kerry on her toes.

Thank you to Dr Shane Luland for his wonderful and professional care of Lloyd during these difficult years. The caring ambos, the taxi drivers, Bruce, Andrew and Sharon. Our very special neighbours, Shirley, Jared, Tristan, Bill and Mary. Last but certainly not least Rev Liena Hoffman, who has helped us with just everything to make this celebration one so endearing for Lloyd's family and our many dear friends of the church family and Maleny friends.

A beautiful life has come to an end. He died as he lived everyone's friend, a cheerful smile, a heart of gold. The dearest person this world could hold. Rest gently darling, you will be missed.

Vale Lloyd Larney

Described by those who knew him as an extraordinary man who achieved extraordinary things, Maleny stalwart Lloyd Larney, aged 91, was farewelled at a private service at Maleny Uniting Church on Friday, October 30.

With moving tributes from family and friends, Lloyd was remembered as a loving family man and friend, whose tireless devotion to the Maleny community was remarkable and worthy of acclaim.



Shirley and Lloyd Larney

Over the years, Lloyd was involved in various local organisations, contributing his time and expertise to bring value, leadership and the true essence of community spirit to a wide range of community focussed activities. As an ex-serviceman with the Royal Australian Air Force and later the RAAF Reserve, Lloyd was involved with the RSL Maleny Sub Branch. On his return to civilian life he contributed to many local organisations including the Maleny State School P&C Association, Maleny Scouts, Maleny Bush Fire Brigade (deputy fire warden), the Maleny Bowls Club, Uniting Church of Maleny, Neighbourhood Watch, Rotary Club of Maleny (president 1992-1993), Maleny Show Society (life member) and Erowal Retirement Village (board president during the construction phase in the 1980s). Lloyd was also the inaugural group leader of the Maleny SES Group, which officially formed in February 1982. He continued in that role for an impressive 28 years until September 2010. Over the years Lloyd's outstanding contribution to his community was also recognised with a number of awards including Rotary Paul Harris Fellow 1989, Centenary Medal 2001, Australia Day Achievement Award 2002, Caloundra Citizen of the Year

2004, SES Meritorious Medal, Medal of the Order of Australia 2009 and in 2019 the Maleny Show awarded him honorary life membership.

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The family moved several times before finally settling in Maleny, with Lloyd attending Wittia School. The family bought a home in Maleny, which later became the family home of Lloyd and his wife Shirley from 1969.

Lloyd and Shirley were married in 1953 and had a son, Michael, and daughter, Kerry. In later years, the family was blessed with the love of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lloyd first joined the RAAF in 1947, serving for 22 years including active service overseas in British Malaya, Korea and Vietnam. He later transferred to the RAAF Reserve for an additional 14 years until his discharge in 1984.

In Maleny, Lloyd bought the school transport business from his father, where he and Shirley gained many friendships. The couple also enjoyed long and happy associations in Maleny including the Rotary Club, RSL Club,



Community stalwart Lloyd Larney passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 24

SES and the Show Society.

Shirley said something that might surprise people was that Lloyd loved and enjoyed the music and singing of operas and watching André Rieu concerts. He also loved gardening, a game of bowls, watching cricket, the company of good friends and most certainly a game of bridge.

In paying tribute to her husband, Shirley said a beautiful life had come to an end but Lloyd had died as he lived - everyone's friend, with a cheerful smile and a heart of gold.

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