

Arnold John (John) Cash

17/01/1936 - 19/01/2023

Born in Sydney in January 1936 to Anna & Arnold Cash, John was a brother for Mary and Iris.

The family moved to Maleny when John was young and then to Brisbane. But Maleny always stayed in John's heart, it was an idyllic place to grow up and when Debbie and family took him back a little while ago to see his old home he was completely overwhelmed.

John and Pat met at Cloudland when they were both very young and got engaged when Pat was 21. They married on the 26th September 1959 in East Brisbane when John was 23.

A couple of years after they married, Janelle was born with Debbie coming along 2 years later.

John and Pat moved in with John's parents and then he built the family home at Keperra in 1965. It took John 7 weeks and 3 days to build and it still stands proud and strong today.

John's Carpenter skills saw him involved in many projects. He spent lots of time working in Sydney, Cairns and even in Newcastle after the earthquake. He was well know as Mr Fix-it with cracks and leaks his speciality to fix.

John and Pat shared a deep love for each other and they built a beautiful life together. They shared an old school relationship where John was the bread winner and Pat was a devoted wife and mother and they loved it.

Once the girls had grown and left home John and Pat had the chance to travel. They visited Asia, England, Scotland, Wales Europe, New Zealand, Fiji, many parts of Australia, and some wonderful times in Paris, the Riviera, Italy, Venice, Austria, Switzerland and Amsterdam.

Cruising was another delight they enjoyed together and the pair enjoyed 7 cruises together.

One of John's greatest achievements besides his wonderful family was the growing of prize winning orchids. His green thumb in this area saw him win many ribbons.

Pat's passing in 2014 was difficult for John. He was caring for Pat, followed the Doctors instructions to the letter and her sudden passing left him shattered. But he forged on so strongly for the family he loved.

As I'm sure you all appreciate today is a difficult day for today we'll say farewell to someone integral in all your lives. My name is Carolyn Symes and it is a real honour and privilege for me to be with you today to perform this last and loving task for Arnold John Cash fondly remembered as John.

On behalf of John's family his daughters Janelle and Debbie, sons in law Wayne and David, grandchildren Justin, Adam, Josh, Rhiannan, Nathan, Meaghann, Courtney and Laura along with their partners as well as great grandchildren Jasmine, Hannah, Libby and Aurora, thank you for taking the time to come together today to say farewell to John in a loving and meaningful way.

We are fortunate today to be live streaming to those who are unable to be here in the Chapel. So to those who have joined us remotely, let me welcome you as well to our service today.

Of course today we should also remember John's siblings who have all passed before him, as well as his wife Pat who passed in 2014. Life was never quite the same after she passed and he struggled without her. Let's believe she has welcomed her love into heaven.

John had a king and gentle heart. An easy going man who lived a quiet simple life where family were paramount. A man so typical of the time he grew up, someone who made sure he looked after his family. He loved a joke even if occasionally they weren't totally appropriate.

Today is all about sharing some of John's story, a story that will weave it's magic around you and will always be a part of your story. A perfectionist in everything he did, a man with many facets.

That past few years have been difficult for John and his family as his health declined, but he fought hard throughout his journey.

So when a good person like John passes away it is fitting that we should gather all the memories of him to present as a celebration of his life. In this way we are honouring his life and showing our love and respect for him. It is the celebration of his life and personality that will provide comfort in the days ahead as you remember all the things about him that made you smile.

Being separated from John and knowing his uniqueness is the basis of your grief today. I'm sure if you look through the whole world you'll find there wasn't anyone just like him. But remember that even though he is no longer a visible part of your lives, he will always remain a member of your family or circle of friends through the influence he has had on you and the special part he played in your lives.

The purpose of today is to not only bring comfort to each other but to share the stories of John that best express his true character. Not just his talents and triumphs, but the details which brought particularity to his life.



Maleny State School 1949

Back L to R : Margaret Sallaway, Glenda Watson, Jan Grigor, Kath Body, Alma Smith, Val Burgess, Jocelyn Rose, Hazel Sallaway, Moira Grigor, Helen Rose
 Second Row : Ray Green, John Cash, Kevin Plucknett, Marcia Ison, Maureen Sorrenson, Wendy Cuthbertson, Edna Thomas, Maureen Packer, Beryl Harvey, Alvin McHugh, Doug Burns, Vince Jessop
 Front: Bill Rees, Noel Thomas, John Donnelly, Malory Bryce, Bob McCormack, Bob Hawkins, Bob Mackie, Barry Jackson, Kevin Engle, Barry Palmer, John Emerick, Stan Collard, Cliff Deans



John's father Arnold Cash built the family's home in Ash Street C1940. The family took John to visit his home shortly before he passed.

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