

Coln Pearce

August 8, 1937 – January 5, 2003

*“Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends,
for it is one of God’s best gifts.” (Thomas Hughes)*

Coln Raymond Pearce was born 65 years and 5 months ago at 62 Robertson Street, Railway Estate, Townsville on the 5th August 1937 to Jack and Edna Pearce, weighing 10 lbs. Later on Janice, Betty and Jeni joined him.

Coln grew up in the war years and told many tales of life with planes, bombs, searchlights, air-raid sirens and Yanks with chocolates and marbles. He loved to roam the salt pans near his home and even went night swimming in the Ross River, never thinking of crocodiles and sharks.

Chas Owens took Coln under his wing in the Townsville band when Col was 7. They played together in the Salvation Army and the Military Band where Col made many life-long friends and had many happy times.

Col worked for 39 years in the Railway Department as a Clerk finishing his career as Office Manager. He met Necia while working in the Refunds Office, Townsville and Necia was in the Claims Office. Each morning, after parking his bike, he would pick a fresh frangipani and present it to Necia, a perfumed way to her heart.

Coln and Necia were married on the 20th December 1958 and their marriage lasted 44 years. Three boys were born, Stephen in 1960, Robert deceased in 1962 and Andrew John in 1964. Every year the family went on holidays, usually with the Owens Family, to the snow, the Atherton Tablelands, Magnetic Island or a beach somewhere. The boys acquired many pseudo Auntie’s, Uncles, Grandmas and Grandpas.

The Military required Col’s services for 3 months in April 1956. Coln belonged to the National Servicemen’s Association. He proudly flew the flag above his Unit at the Village.

Coln loved his music and many happy hours were spent this Christmas playing Christmas songs and Carols. He really liked listening to Bing and of course his beloved Band Records, tapes and CDs.

Necia and Coln moved to Maleny in 1988. Coln loved his life in Maleny and after retiring spent many hours serving the Community in Meals on Wheels, the village where he lived, the R.S.L, the Ambulance, the Community Centre and the Senior Citizens Club, of which he was twice President.

Coln and Necia loved to travel with their biggest adventure around the world. Poppa loved his grandchildren very much and welcomed all 8 of them. He will always be remembered for his kindness and thoughtfulness and will be sadly missed by many.

Farewell Coln Raymond Pearce. Go with God.