

Strathalbyn Garden Club - September 2013

OBITUARY



**Winifred Mary
Buddle
nee Calder**

**born
20th February 1934
died
12th August 2013**

***Resting in
God's Garden***

Born Winifred Mary Calder on 20th February 1934, she was named after her Aunt Winifred, who was a nurse in the U.K. during World War I and who died in the influenza pandemic of 1919.

Win attended and did well at Westbourne Park Primary School where she was chosen to mentor an Aboriginal girl in her class - Win always had a caring nature - after three years at Unley Tech., at age 16, she commenced work at the Adelaide GPO as a telephonist.

Win and her husband Roy were married in 1959 and made their home in Strathalbyn and almost immediately after building their home, Roy started working on his vegetable garden and Win on her flower garden.

Win's flower garden featured trees, shrubs and flowers of various kinds dotted within and around the then manicured lawns of their new home.

Flowering almond, crab-apple, pittosporum, pine and a beautiful golden ash, which to this day still stands proud, a bird-bath centred on the front lawn, watered and attracted birds to her garden - orange, mandarin and lemon trees were also planted along with stone fruit trees further down the back-yard - trees which now, some 50 years on, still continue to dutifully produce.

Roses were a great love of Win's and photos of her back yard garden from the 60's and early 70's show lush lawns bordered by flowering roses along the side fence with climbing roses dividing off the back yard to the rear.

Her beloved Judas tree - grown from a cutting off a tree from her childhood home

in Westbourne Park, stands young, proud and in full flower in those same photos - honeysuckle, fuchsias, a beautiful flowering wattle tree and more roses filled the back yard.

Calla lilies and a Buddleja (named after The Reverend Adam Buddle - 1662 - 1715, a botanist and rector in Essex, England) surrounded the rainwater tank at the back of the house.

Pots and tubs - some made from car tyres, cut and fashioned into the shapes of swans - a sort of rubber origami - were positioned around the house, each one filled with colour and life.

Children came along in the late 60's - Win had a great love for children, and many would remember her from the years she spent teaching Sunday School and also her many years of service at the Strathalbyn Kindergarten.

Gardening took the 'back-seat' with children now her focus, but it remained a great passion throughout her life.

Win contributed and had many community commitments, her spare moments though were often spent in her garden, planting, pruning, watering and caring for her plants.

Win was not afraid to die and wanted to be thoroughly used up by doing good works as a devoted mother and grandmother, her works for 'Meals on Wheels' and as president of the 'Mother's Union' - she had a special courage to lay aside the world values and live a Godly life.

Her brother David remembers, Win was a healthy, happy child who spent much time climbing trees, riding bikes and going for walks - she was a star basketball player and also played tennis for her church.

Win worshipped regularly at All Saints Church, Colonel Light Gardens and became Superintendent of the Sunday School - she has left a legacy of four letter words - help, work, care, good, kind and love.

When we went on short holidays, my wife, Agnes always insisted that we invite Win to join us - we went to Broken Hill, Port Lincoln, Robe, Port Vincent, Mannum, Clare, Renmark and other places on about 20 occasions.

Bronwyn, Michael and Julie-Anne have lost a loving mother, Sean, Tom and Liam, a caring grandmother and Agnes and I, a devoted sister-in-law and sister.