



## Gift in Memory

# ANNE ALSBURY

1952 - 2018

Born Anne Canfield to a business family in the Victorian country town of Rochester, Anne and her twin brother were two of eight children. She attended St Joseph's Secondary School, Rochester. In 1969 at a dance at St Mary's in Echuca, Anne met her future husband John Alsbury.

Following her mother's profession of nursing, Anne moved to Melbourne and trained at St Vincent's Hospital. After marrying John in 1973 at St Joseph's Church in Rochester, Anne continued her nursing career whilst living in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. The birth of their three daughters, Michelle, Gillian, and Aimee, completed their family.



John's career involved several overseas postings and Anne relished the overseas life. When based in Seoul, she volunteered as a nurse for the US Army, became involved in community work, played bridge, and gained a black belt in Taekwondo.

After a year in Bangkok, and returning to Seoul for a further five years, they celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary. Papua New Guinea was their final posting. Anne continued her active life there playing golf. With her two sisters and two other women, they became the first all-female group to walk the Kokoda track. Back in Australia Anne walked, went to the gym and cycled. With sister Marg who was cycling around Australia, Anne completed the 2000 kilometre ride from Katherine to Broome and then from Cairns to Darwin, another 3000 kilometres.

Retiring in 2000 and returning to Australia, Anne and John travelled most of Australia's dirt and bitumen roads with their caravan, enjoying the outdoors whilst looking for their ideal place to make home.

Settling in Buderim on the Sunshine Coast in 2002, Anne joined Headland Golf Club. She was a member for seventeen years, serving on the Ladies Match Committee for seven years and holding the position of Ladies Captain for three years. Despite her very active life, her interaction with her five grandchildren, going to the gym, running half marathons and cycling, Anne still made time to be a volunteer at Suncare Community Services.

With her sense of humour, her willingness to contribute and a zest for life, all those fortunate to know Anne would remember her life as one lived to the fullest.

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