

## Gift in Memory

## **AMY PINCOTT**

## 1925 - 2023

Amy was born in December 1925, the only child of Ruby and George Beckley. With his brother Henry, George managed the family business, the London Butchery in Bairnsdale, Victoria. George in his youth was an exceptional all-round sportsman and this encouraged Amy who also excelled and won trophies in many sports including tennis, hockey, badminton and athletics. Sadly, Amy lost both her parents before her eighteenth birthday.

Her early employment involved secretarial support to the Bairnsdale Council and local health facilities. In 1948 Amy married local builder, Ian Pincott, and continued her sporting achievements. She became an Australian badminton champion in 1954 and doubles champion in the following three years.



On moving to Buderim in 1958, Amy joined the Headland Golf Club. With her husband she won the first Mixed Foursomes championships, an achievement she repeated many times with other golf partners over the next thirty-six years. Amy was Ladies' Captain in 1967 and at her peak played off a handicap of 4.

Amy and Ian returned to Bairnsdale for a 10 year period from 1968 where Amy became a familiar face at the Bairnsdale Golf Club winning several championships and representing East Gippsland in various competitions. After their return to Buderim in 1978, Amy served as Ladies' Captain for a further eight years, making significant contributions to ladies' golf at a club, district and state level. As a competitor she won many major events including six club championships and the Veterans Flight of the Australian Senior in 1991. As one of the inaugural founders of the Queensland Senior Ladies Association, she also held the roles of Country Vice President and Handicapper.

In 1985 Amy took the Oath of Allegiance and became a Justice of the Peace. In 1995 she received the Award of Merit for her services to the Australian Badminton Association. In 1998 she was granted Honorary Life Membership of the Headland Golf Club. Amy and Ian moved back to Bairnsdale in 2002 where she became Ladies' Captain at South Pines golf course in Lindenow South. Her husband Ian passed away in 2011.

Amy was an only child and had no children of her own. As a very independent and determined woman, she excelled in everything she did. Leading a long, fulfilling and celebrated life, Amy will be missed by all who knew her.

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