

❖ YVETTE DOROTHY CRAMOND ❖

BACKGROUND

Yvette was born in Wanganui, New Zealand in 1926 to Australian parents Dorothy and Gordon Cramond. She had a twin brother Graham, as well as an older sister Shirley and brothers Ross and Stuart. Yvette was a small petite woman when she grew up, while her twin Graham was six foot tall.

The family returned to Brisbane when Yvette was nearly 14 and eventually settled in Tennyson on the banks of the Brisbane River. She would live here until she moved to Buderim and retired in 1989. After leaving school she joined Queensland Newspapers and worked there until she retired, eventually becoming personal assistant to the Chief Editor of the Sunday Mail. She built a small house on the grounds of her parents' home in King Arthur Terrace, which went under in the 1974 flood. The family all helped her move her furniture to higher ground. Her mother died in her 50's, so Yvette cared for her father for the rest of his life.



Yvette had many and varied interests, and she loved the outdoors. She joined the National Parks Association of Queensland in 1946 and spent many weekends hiking and camping in National Parks. She was made an Honorary Life Member of National Parks Queensland in 2012 for her exceptional service. She was also a volunteer at the Mission to Seamen in Brisbane and had a long association with the Victoria League in Brisbane.

Yvette travelled widely and one of her most significant trips was to China to see Pandas. She was part of a documentary on pandas which was organised by journalist Donna Micklejohn. She also trekked in the Himalayas, froze in the Antarctic and sedately visited English country gardens.

BUDERIM LIFE AND COMMUNITY

In 1989 Yvette bought a duplex on top of Buderim, encouraged by a friend. In retirement she was very active in the Buderim community, singing with the Hot Gingers (musical theatre), doing Tai Chi, playing mah-jong, and volunteering with the Maroochy Botanical Gardens. She also made many trips to Brisbane for choral, ballet and orchestral recitals.

Yvette remained active until three years before she died when she became increasingly frail. She was still flying to visit her nieces well into her 80's. She died in August 2017 and very generously left her entire estate to several charities.