

Tributes to Alice Hunt

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From: Jacqui Hunt

Date: 14 April 2019

Dear Royce,

Thank you for letting us know that Alice was approaching the end of her life. Neil told us of her passing. Alice was such a special person who made a huge impact on many lives and I know that Piers for one will be very pleased to reconnect with her in whatever way that may be. I have been thinking of how I met you all as the young woman brought lovingly into the extended family so many years ago at Albert Street.

I will try and get down for her funeral Royce but have the flu at present and it seems to be hanging around for some time so will see how the week ahead goes.

With very much love to you, Verena, Gillian, Linda and Vaughan and all the grandchildren who loved Alice so much, plus of course Des who I am sure is bereft without her cheerful presence.

Jacqui xxx

From Tina White

Re: Farewell to Alice Hunt

Thank you Royce.

Heartfelt condolences to you, Alice's husband Des and all the family.

Kind regards,

Tina

From: Tresna Hunt

Hi Royce,

I am writing to send love and warm wishes to you and your family as I have heard that Alice has passed. Alice had an incredible life surrounded by a loving family and deserved nothing less.

She was always very generous in heart toward me, Damien and Stacy when we visited as children in Palmerston North. It is always difficult to lose a family member, even if they have lived a good, long life.

I will not be able to attend the funeral on Thursday as Tony's grandfather is in his last few days and we will be heading down to the south island shortly for his funeral.

I will be thinking of you all.

Lots of love,
Tresna

Dr. Tresna Hunt
PhD Psychology and Leadership

From: Michael Flanagan

So very sad, Alice was instrumental in me finding my NZ family.
We had many email chats, often cricket which she loved and off course All Blacks v Springboks.
Maria and Mike will miss her.
A special lady.

From: Margaret and Murray Hunt

Dear Royce
Thankyou for your message regarding the passing of Alice
Although we did not know Alice very well she always kept in touch.
Murray has fond memories of his cousin Russell
Both Murray and his sister Muriel ages 91 and 95 are in Bethlehem Views rest home
5 mins from here.
Our thoughts are with your family

Love Margaret. (Murray's wife)

From: Peter Weston

Date: 14 April 2019

Thanks for your message Royce. What an inspirational person she was, and I never met her in person either. At one stage we were consistently in contact over my (or her) attempts to improve my writing skills and I valued her advice... I have risen to the challenge of producing monthly articles for the local communities of Mangaweka and Hunterville. These consist of local history and memories... We last exchanged emails at Christmas when she told me that she was planning her funeral. I have been very blessed to have known her.

Sincerely. Peter Weston.

From: Sala Josephine Stowers

May her beautiful soul rest in peace and love.

Warm regards from Samoa

Sala Josephine Stowers

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SAMOA

From Su'a Leituposa Thomsen

Talofa lava,

Had communicated with Alice several time via e-mail on her efforts to pull together an accurate record of our Stowers lines in Samoa. Very sad I did not get to meet her personally but I was inspired by her committment and passion about her Samoan side. The message from your family suggests that she has lived a full life and for that we can only be thankful and grateful.

Ia manuia lou malaga Alice.

Su'a Luamanuvae Leituposa Kevin Thomsen ma le aiga

From Martin Elkes

Thanks for letting me know this sad news

She had a fine life and you will have many happy memories

Best Wishes

Martin Elkes (UK)

From Judge Vui Nelson

This is so very sad to hear.

I wondered why I had not heard from Alice in a while.

My deepest condolences to the family and her many "agents" I met when they visited Samoa.

Alice was something special and even though I did not personally meet her, she was a kindred spirit. As she probably was to many people she came into contact with over the years.

I thank her too for making me visit one of Samoa's oldest sites (Fale o le Fee with Vaughan if I remember correctly) while it is still existent. And for the many stories and booklets she shared with me over the years. She will be missed by many.

I am certain she would want her life celebrated. It is one most worthy of the occasion.

Sending you all kindest thoughts and prayers in what can be a difficult time.

God bless and alofas from Apia, Samoa.

Justice Vui Clarence Nelson and Family.

From Bill Lennon

Thank you very much for your email about your Dear Mother. We were born in the the same year and our friendship went over many years as we were both brought up in close proximity. We met up with each other over the years following my move to overseas . My thoughts and prayers are with Des and all members of your Mother's Family.

With my love and best wishes

Bill Lennon

From Donna Smith

♥ Oh Gillian, my dear friend from Tonga long ago —
I am so sorry for your loss. Condolences, too, to good Des.
For sure, life will never be the same for y'all, but how would she want you to proceed?

Miss Alice brought radiance to the lives of so many — including little ole me, thousands of miles far away on the other side of the world.
Sllieni, I treasure those Skype sessions that you, she, & I had — thank you for making those happen and thanks to her for patiently tolerating my questions.

I'm sad too.
But I have tremendous admiration and respect for the way she chose to live her life.
She taught us how to live. . . by doing what came natural to her, by following her heart, by working to make this crazy world a better place.

*"Grace was in all her steps,
heaven in her eye,
in every gesture, dignity and love."
John Milton*

I will forever view Miss Alice as an amazing inspiration! It makes me smile and gives my spirit courage to even think about her.

A 2008 recipient of the "Queen's Service Medal," indeed!!! (*In Heaven right now, your good Mother is likely already making some positive changes to improve conditions there! ? I also imagine a wonderful rendezvous in Heaven with your Dad, whom she lost — unfairly — so many years ago.*)

Peace, my friend . . . and my deepest condolences to you & your wonderful family that's been nurtured by a lady who was magnificent and truly regal (although I'm sure she'd be the first to deny that), and one of THE most beautiful human beings I've ever been lucky enough to meet.

Matahina♥

♥ Ah-h-h. How well I remember being there at Christmas 1971, when Miss Alice and family welcomed me, a traveling Peace Corps volunteer with open arms — my first time ever to have Christmas dinner featuring Plum Pudding! ?

From Sylvia and Bill Rumball

Thank you very much for keeping us up to date on Alice's declining health. We were saddened to hear the end had now come. We wish we could be with you all tomorrow to celebrate her life but unfortunately we are currently at our Nelson home having just come back from a family get together in Canterbury.

We remember Alice with great affection both from St Paul's days and from the Friday afternoon teas that Juliet (and sometimes Sylvia) attended. We so much appreciated Juliet being an adopted member of your family and Lynda, Karlo and Alice being part of ours during those years.

We send you all our love and we will be thinking of Alice as you farewell her tomorrow. She was a lovely gracious highly interesting person.

From Sav Salaivao

Aloha. Hi Royce.

My sincerest regards to you & your entire family during this sad time.

Alice will be missed by us all. The work she has done has been amazing.

Let the warmth & love of God surround you all.

Kind Regards.

Sav

From Gail Johns

Hi Royce and all the family

Thank you for your email letting me know of Alice's passing it is a sad time for you all and I know how much you will all miss her. Alice touched so many people in her lifetime and she will be missed by us all.

My thoughts are with you all as you say your goodbyes today and I would have like to have been there to say my goodbyes as well but unfortunately only picked up your email last night.

Am seeing Bruce today and will inform him of Alice's passing I know he will be very sad.

Wishing you all all the best and hope we will talk soon.

Lots of love Gail and Bruce. xxxx

From Sela Latailakepa

Our deepest condolences Royce, God be with you and your family during this difficult time.

As a Tongan, and the Manager of the Friendly Islands Bookshop (where we once sold Teaching in Tonga), I feel forever grateful to your mother for transcribing and publishing Dorothy Ferguson's teaching experience in Tonga. She has enabled us to have rare insight into a unique period in the development of education in Tonga.

Kind regards

Sela Latailakepa

Manager

Friendly Island Bookshop

Tungi Colonnade, Taufu'ahau Rd,

Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga.

From Jacqui Mateara

Hi Royce and all.

Neal, Karen and I will see you on Thursday.

Thinking of you all. We are all so blessed to have Alice in our lives xx.

Regards

Jacqui (Opal's daughter, 1 of 2).Jacqui

From Francisca Baay

Dear Royce,

Thank you for your latest message and funeral details for your mother, Alice. Her passing is indeed a sad loss for all who loved her, though we can take comfort from knowing that she is at peace now.

I also appreciate your thoughtful updates and warm tributes to your mother's wonderful achievements during her long and dedicated life.

We are thinking of you at this difficult time, and offer our condolences to you, Verena, Gillian, Lynda, Vaughan and all your wider families.

With sympathy and love,

Francisca & Rob

From Terry Stowers

My tribute to Alice

I wasn't too far into my research on the John Stowers, aka "Monkey Jack", Family that the name Alice Hunt popped up. There was her email address on some information I'd been sent from another researcher. I first met her on 29th September 2015 when I followed up on a wealth of material she had emailed. That was the first of several visits, and she and Des were always very welcoming. Often Des was despatched to their local bakery for some of the special pies they enjoyed for lunch. Alice was always pleased to share her Stowers work with me. We are extremely grateful to Alice for her very generous sharing of the very valuable well researched information on the Stowers Family genealogy. It has been a wonderful resource for us to share in our Monkey Jack Online project to provide invaluable information to all members of the Family.

Many thanks Alice

Terry Stowers, on behalf of the Monkey Jack Online project.

Kindest regards

Terry Stowers

From Jim Stowers

Greetings

I was given this email address by Terry Stowers as a means of passing on our memories of and tributes for Alice Hunt for a collection to publish with Manuia Books. Here is my contribution:

"I first came into contact with Alice in the latter part of 2015 through a Stowers family Facebook page I manage. She quickly became a valued contributor to our page and supplied much useful information from her personal recollections and many valuable resources also made available on her Manuia Books website. Her many years of experience, wide range of contacts and vast knowledge of Pacific history, especially around her Samoan heritage and family connections was particularly evident and appreciated greatly. She'll be missed by so many and will leave a lasting legacy of love,

enduring memories and ways to be connected for future generations. A life well lived is always something to be celebrated, and Alice Suisana Hunt definitely joins the ranks of that elite group. *O le a tatou misia e.*"

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute and I wish you and all the family condolences, love and best wishes at this time.

Warmest regards

Jim Stowers

To All of Alice's family,

It was a great pleasure to share
a small part of Alice's life through
her fathers' jewellery career.

I will always remember the
fabulous "Brittania" costume
- So precious.

Regards.

Jill & Peter Cameron.

(Cameron Jewellery).

114 King Street

Palnaston North 4410.

Dear Hunt family,

Our sincerest condolences on
the passing of Alice.

Alice gave many years of
service to the Manawatu
Youth Orchestra and Sinfonia
and we greatly valued her
contribution.

Sincerely,

Gillian Gibb.

Secretary, MYO Inc.

To you all,

Thinking of you
at this very sad time

Alice has been an inspiration
to so many = always positive,
always loving and caring, always
ready to laugh and have an
adventure.

She will never be forgotten, I am
sure we will all do our best to
continue her legacy.

With warmest regards and love,
Wendy Hunt

To Hunt family

Thinking of you all at this sad time.
I will always remember Alice as being
so kind & welcoming - it was a
privilege to be included in some
of the weekly afternoon teas.

Hope she managed to complete
all the family stories she was
working on - such an amazing
resource for future generations.

When I visited her briefly at the
Masonic, despite her own discomfort
she was still asking how my Mum
was. Sadly Mum does not remember
her and is so deaf conversation is
very difficult but she did remember
to give me Lynda's note - thank you.

Lyn & Maurice Quinn