

Eulogy.

Stella Pelissot nee Jolliffe was born on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1910 at Cowra NSW. She died at Moyne on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007 here in Canowindra NSW. Stella was the eldest child of James and Amy Jolliffe formerly of Canowindra and now both decd. Stella is survived by her sisters Merle Robinson and Isobel Carman of Canowindra and brother Brian Jolliffe of Forbes Road Cowra. Another brother Wilfred J. Jolliffe also predeceased her.

Stella passed away quietly on Saturday morning at 11.20 am. Her son Bruce together with his children Jim and Shae were also there, so too her long time carer and friend Lorraine Daly.

Surviving Stella are her three sons Bruce, Jim and Georges their wives Halvene [decd], Elena and Beatrice together with grandchildren Jim, Shae, Peta, Patrick, Barry, Edouard, Laure-Helene, Charles. Great grandchildren are Amber, Ruby, Jed, Taylor and Lauren.

Stella was married three times and was able to travel extensively around the world before she and her third husband Jacques Pelissot settled in Australia in 1973. Jacques was attached to the French Consulate and together they travelled to many lands where he worked at the Consulates.

Stella and sisters Merle and Isobel enjoyed their life in Canowindra during the "Twenties". They were keen dancers and played Hockey and Tennis. During the later twenties Stella met her first husband Reg Fleming and together they became the proud parents of sons Bruce and Jim. The marriage dissolved during the early war years so Stella found work as cashier in the shopping centre at Maroubra. She met and married her second husband Jan Willemsen in 1944. Sadly Jan went down with the ship "Sibigo" during a storm at sea in 1945.

When on a trip to Holland in 1946, Stella met her third husband Jacques. He became a Consul with the French Government. During their travels their son Georges was born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1951. Jacques died in 1984 so Stella moved back to Canowindra when told by her sisters of a house in Ferguson Street that was situated close by the home she had lived in as a young person with her mum and dad.

Later her failing health and eyesight made it necessary for her to become a resident at Moyne. She delighted in the activities there and joined in enthusiastically. Of particular delight were the sing-alongs and services held where she was able to join in the singing, as she knew the tunes and words from experience.

In her younger days she had been in the choir at the church at Kingsford. There she sang often for weddings and in musical plays that were staged. She played Yum Yum in the Mikado. Two of her grandchildren are also possessed of fine singing voices and are members of the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus. These past few years she has been pleased to tell folk she has met of her life experiences.

Her life at Moyne has been a huge comfort to Stella. The care afforded her was excellent as she could be impatient at times. There is no doubt that she departed this life content and in the knowledge of the love that is evident at Moyne. My brother Jim and I join together with these words Georges has sent.

"Dear family and friends united around Stella.

Thank you for your presence here today, when we are so far away. All my thoughts and those of Beatrice, Edouard, Laure-Helene and Charles are with you.

We met through Stella, and now she has left us as tokens of her love, her friendliness, her open-mindedness, and her faith in life beyond life. Let us be grateful for her example.

Thank you Canowindra

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