

A Celebration of the life of
Edith Agnes Moore

09 - 10 - 1923 - 14 - 01 - 2022



Conducted by
The Reverend Geoffrey Flynn
The Uniting Church in Australia - Wollongong Mission
"The Church on the Mall"
Thursday 20th January 2022 at 10.00am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude		Rodney Ainsworth
Introduction, Welcome & Prayer		The Reverend Geoffrey Flynn
Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i>	
Eulogy		Cathy Wade
Family Tribute		Joshua Hick
Photo Memories of Edith	<i>Walk with Me</i>	
	Piano Accompaniment	Mark Matthews
Bible Readings	<i>Psalms 103:1-5</i>	Lucy Hick
	<i>1 Corinthians 13</i>	Leonie Ainsworth
Preaching of the Word		The Reverend Geoffrey Flynn
Prayers of Thanksgiving		The Reverend Geoffrey Flynn
Announcements		
Piano Tribute	<i>January</i>	Mark Matthews
Prayer of Commendation		
Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	
Prayer of Committal		
Benediction		
Concluding Prayers		
Blessing		
Recessional	<i>Joy of Jesus</i>	

Edith's Words of Wisdom

*Loving your neighbour as yourself brings pleasure
to the giver and the receiver.*

Find the best in others.

Laugh, and smile often.

*Sometimes "agree to disagree with love and respect".
(Brother Immanuel)*

Be prepared and look on the bright side.



Our Family would like to thank you for your attendance, here and on Zoom, for your messages, love & prayers and would invite those of you who are able ,to join us for morning tea.

Edith Agnes Moore was born in Lithgow on 9th October 1923. She was the youngest child of Lizzie and James Ward. She was sister to Florence (1912), Alan (1919) and Horace (1921).

Edith had a curious mind which ensured a lifelong love of learning. She attended Coniston Public School for her primary years and enjoyed coming first in her class. Secondary schooling was at a selective high school. Girls were not considered important enough to continue their education, so she left school after completing her Intermediate Certificate (Year 9).

Edith spent one year at Williams Business College, studying accounting. She worked in the office at 2WL until 1943, but she realised this work was not for her as she was a people person.

Although she came to know the value and reward of being a housewife and mum, Edith was keen to also experience other opportunities that life would offer her. Her strict upbringing and desire to spread her wings was part of her motivation to become a nurse as this meant she would live in the nursing quarters during the four years of training. She commenced her training in 1944 and graduated as a registered nurse in 1947, determined to complete her training as women were not allowed to work after they married.

Edith first met Lou at the age of 5. He would play with her brothers. It was not until Edith met him again at the age of 17 that they experienced a powerful attraction which meant she only wanted to be with him. They became engaged in 1944 and were married in 1948.

Edith and Lou lived in his parents' garage in West Street, Wollongong for two years before purchasing the block next door. They built their house over a two-year period, and money was tight. Edith was thrifty with money - living through the great depression had taught her not to waste anything. She painted most of the house herself and sewed her own clothes.

Edith and Lou were blessed with the arrival of Marilyn on 8th March 1954 and were devoted parents. They adored Larry when he joined the family, and they were ecstatic with the addition of grandsons Daniel (1979) and Joshua (1982). The role of Nana brought much joy and delight.

When Edith was able to return to work, she found great satisfaction in nursing and volunteer roles. She served the community as a Blood Bank nurse for ten years. She was also a Lifeline counsellor for ten years, she served voluntarily at the Blue Nursing Service in Port Kembla, and she was a voluntary worker at the Unanderra Nursing Home for fifteen years.

The years between 2006 and 2009 were years of very deep personal tragedy for Edith. Lou passed away in September 2006, Larry in October 2007, and her only child, Marilyn, in September 2009. Edith bore the pain and grief of this period with remarkable courage. She recalled an overwhelming sense of Jesus' presence that never left her. Edith continued to find fulfilment with her family and friends, and particularly valued the love and support of her grandsons and their wives. The arrival of great grandchildren brought new blessings into her life.

Edith enjoyed many wonderful years at Farmborough Grove Retirement Village. She lived a social life with independence and dignity. In April 2021, with the decline of her mobility and vision, Edith moved to Cordeaux Lodge. She spent her last months in the wonderful care of the staff who became very fond of her. Due to COVID restrictions, visitors were limited, but Edith was always grateful for the kindness and care given to her by the staff.

Edith was so looking forward to meeting Jesus, being reunited with loved ones, and finally finding the answers to all her questions. She now rests with joy and peace in the eternal presence of God.