

Lola RHODES

02/01/2016

**Lola RHODES – wife of Retired
Chief Superintendent Keith RHODES**

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ? – Nil National

Born: ?

Died on: Monday 14 December 2015

Cause: ?

Age: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 24 December 2015

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Buried

Memorial at: ?

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May Lola forever Rest In Peace.

Kerryn RUFUS

02/01/2016

**Kerryn RUFUS – wife to former
SenCon Matt Rufus & daughter to Ian Lovell –**

Newcastle Retired Police Association

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Wife / daughter

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Monday 28 December 2015

Cause: ?

Age: ?

Funeral date: ?TBA

**Funeral location: ?TBA by Fry Bros
Funeral Directors, Maitland 4933 6155**

Buried at: ?TBA

Memorial at: ?

Funeral location: ?TBA

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May Kerryn forever Rest In Peace

Elle UNDERHILL

02/01/2016

**Elle UNDERHILL – 4 y.o. daughter
to Sgt Steve UNDERHILL**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: ?

Stations: ?, Casino

Service: From ? to ?

Born: ?

Died on: Friday 18 December 2015

Cause: Passenger – Motor vehicle
collision

Age: 4

Funeral date: ?TBA

Funeral location: ?TBA

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?



Elle Underhill

Funeral location: ?TBA

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\$11,000 raised in 21 hours for crash victims family



Rodney Stevens | **21st Dec 2015** 12:37 PM

AN online fundraising campaign for the Underhill family, who lost their four-year-old daughter in an horrific crash on the Bruxner Highway, has raised more than \$11,000 in less than a day.

About 1.20pm on Friday a red Mazda 323 was travelling west on the Bruxner Highway, **about 10km east of Casino**, when it collided with a white Subaru Liberty.

As a result of the collision the Mazda was torn in half.

Sergeant Steve Underhill's four-year-old daughter in the back seat received fatal injuries and died at the scene.

Sgt Underhill's other daughter, aged two, who was also in the back seat received serious injuries and was taken to Lismore Hospital before being transferred to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital where she has since regained consciousness and is speaking to her parents.

News of the crash sent shock waves around the Northern Rivers and across Australia when it was revealed Sgt Underhill attended the scene of the incident.

To help the family deal with their grief and ease any financial burdens, Tammie Valle launched a GoFundMe webpage

for people to donate to.

“The Underhill family suffered a major tragedy and as a community we all felt helpless in what we could do and many were asking where they could donate to ease the burdens,” she wrote.

The 18-year-old female driver of the Mazda was taken to Lismore Hospital with a laceration to her arm.

The seven-year-old female front seat passenger was also taken to Lismore Hospital suffering shock.

The driver and front seat passenger were unrelated to the back seat passengers.

The 81-year-old male driver of the Subaru, who was the sole occupant, was taken to Lismore Hospital with sternum injuries.

Police are appealing for any witnesses of the crash to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

<http://www.northernstar.com.au/news/11000-raised-in-21-hours-for-crash-victims-family/2879423/>

Policeman called to crash

site finds girl who died is his daughter

December 22, 2015 12:00am

Jeremy Pierce and Brittany VonowThe Daily Telegraph



A four-year-old girl, the daughter of a policeman, died in the two-car crash. Picture: Channel 7

IT'S the phone call every parent dreads.

But when Casino police called the father of a toddler killed in a horror road smash on Friday, they were calling one of their own.

Richmond police sergeant Steve Underhill rushed to the scene of the two-car crash on the Bruxner Highway in NSW to find his two young daughters in the wreckage.



Carnage... A girl, 4, died and her two-year-old sister was critically injured.

The car they were travelling in had been ripped in half.

Sgt Underhill's four-year-old girl died at the scene, while his two-year-old was rushed to Brisbane's Lady Cilento Hospital in a critical condition.

In a ray of light for a town gripped in grief, the girl later emerged from a coma.

Sgt Underhill is a local officer who has responded to accidents on the very stretch of road where his daughter died.

The young sisters and another eight-year-old girl were passengers in a car driven by their babysitter, Courteney Matthews, an 18-year-old ballerina who had just finished high school at a respected private school.



Courteney Matthews, 18, was driving the car with the young girls inside when the tragic accident occurred.

The dedicated community worker, who raised money to help people in Third World countries, escaped with minor arm injuries in the crash.

At the scene, local woman Tazman Currie rushed to help the girls tangled in the wreckage.

We were driving and heard a big bang and smoke, so we got out of the car to see what had happened. One half of the car was on the right side of the road and the other half on the other side," she said.

"The little girl kept saying her back hurt so I got her to sit down and tried to settle her down."



Tragic... Toddler's car set in the road.



High impact... The scene following the collision.

A mother herself, Ms Currie described the moments when Sgt

Underhill arrived.

“He was speechless, he was so shocked and upset. He wanted to know what had happened,” she said.

She said he tried desperately to help but was suffering from shock.

Ms Currie said the girls’ mother also soon arrived and was devastated to see her family torn apart.

She said the teenage driver was also devastated.

“She didn’t really care about herself, she wanted the little girls to be OK,” she said.



The scene of the fatal crash near Casino.
Picture: Adam Head



Flowers have been left at the scene of the fatal crash. Picture: Adam Head

Ms Currie said the community, a tight-knit town of 10,000 people, was shocked and upset about the incident.

The driver of the second vehicle, an 81-year-old retired pharmacist, was taken to Lismore Base Hospital suffering internal bleeding and sternum injuries. The man's son yesterday told The Sunday Mail his father was shaken by the accident but recovering.

The NSW Police Association sent officers from Sydney to help Sgt Underhill, his family, and his colleagues through the ordeal.

Police are investigating the cause of the crash and a report will be prepared for the coroner.

The girl's death is the first since police launched Operation Arrive Alive on Thursday.



Janette 5 days ago

May God give the family strength to overcome this terrible tragedy. Our prayers go out to you and we are thinking of you all. The little girl is safe in the arms of God now. God Bless You All.

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Skid 6 days ago

it is a proven fact that more people have died on the road in the last 12 months (texting) then driving under the influence....?

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Phoney 6 days ago

% 95 of Accidents are Caused through someones Mistakes....

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ross 6 days ago

lets just hope that no-one was texting or otherwise distracted in this tragedy.

rip little one

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Madonna 7 days ago

The shock, & horror Sgt Underhill has had to go through, is beyond imagination.

He will need every ounce of support that's possible, from all, for a long time.

My deepest condolences on such a sorrowful situation.

RIP, little one.....

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Ann 7 days ago

Shocking. No one can imagine how this father and mother feel. I'm a nana and it breaks my heart when I hear or read about a little one like this. So so very sorry for your loss. There's a new star in the sky shining down.

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Steve 7 days ago

What can anyone say about this story except why? Why do bad things happen to good people and the innocent while murderers, child molesters and those that prey on the weak live healthy, selfish and care free lives contributing nothing while taking whatever they can.

I'm an ex-cop and someone who believes in a merciful God but these things, and I've seen them happen time and time again, test my faith every time. This accident has pushed it to the limit once again.

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Phoney 6 days ago

@Steve True,so Very True...

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ROCHELLE 8 days ago

I hope this will make people take more care on the roads this holiday season. It can happen to anyone, RIP little one, may your family recover from this terrible loss.

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steve 8 days ago

I hope you're okay Steve. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Hopefully the Police family will help to look after you. All the best.

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Peter J 8 days ago

The pain and heartache is beyond words. Sadly, the policeman and his family will suffer this for a lifetime. Praying for speedy recovery for the injured.

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Paula 8 days ago

I could not imagine anything worse than attending something like this and finding out it's your family.....sincere condolences to the officer and his wife at this sad time.....

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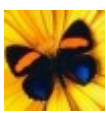
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HEREWEGOAGAIN 8 days ago

A sad day for the township, but even a sadder time for the Sergeant Underwood and his family. I could not imagine the grief all these people are feeling at this time.

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MAS 8 days ago

So sorry for your loss.

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David 8 days ago

Thoughts, prayers & Condolences to the Officer & his Family,

so sad.

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Heather 8 days ago

Tears in Heaven RIP darling. Praying the 2 yr old will fully recover and others involved can go on.

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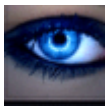


Tom 9 days ago

Heartbreaking.....

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S 9 days ago

How tragic such an awful thing to happen at anytime but right on Christmas.

The poor policemen that responded my heart breaks for you and your family

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Matthew 9 days ago

Every emergency worker's worst nightmare.

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Colin 9 days ago

OMG. Please support this guy and his family. The stuff of nightmares. God love

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Mae 9 days ago

One of those articles we wish we didn't have to read. So dreadfully sad, my heartfelt sympathy to the Police officer and his family. Nothing will change the circumstances, but please know you have the support and thoughts of thousands.

It is refreshing to see below, that at this time all comments are of sympathy and support, nobody opining their speculative solutions.

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Jo 9 days ago

Bless you all and all you do xxxx

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troy 9 days ago

I could not imagine anything worst, as this must be the nightmare every emergency worker thinks of before attending

an accident. My heart goes out to the officer and the family involved. R.I.P. little one

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brian 9 days ago

Just cannot imagine what this officer is going through a real tragedy

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Brenden 9 days ago

Police have to attend all sorts of grisly events, but to arrive at the scene of a car accident only to discover your young daughter was a fatal victim is way off the scale.

My heartfelt sympathies to the officer and his family. There will be no Christmas for them this year.

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Martyn 9 days ago

Sympathy to the Family, Friends & the people of the region. Hats off to our Emergency Service's

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Paul 9 days ago

Deepest sympathies to all involved just horrific so close to

Christmas.

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Michelle 9 days ago

Deepest sympathies to the families involved especially the police officer so very sad.

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Jacqueline 9 days ago

Another Angel in heaven. Another family who's Christmas will never be the same. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

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Greg 9 days ago

I hope the Police, the community and everyone that can give this policeman and his family all the support they can in this awful tragedy

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Jayton 9 days ago

Such a sad story

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James 9 days ago

My condolences to that police officer and his family...working in the emergency services can deal up some pretty hard calls at times...but a call like this officer faced is a call that know one in emergency service wants to face...one can only imagine what's going threw that police officers mind ATM.

Hang in there...

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barry 9 days ago

There will be a time and a place for answers Bruce but at the moment it is the time to be supporting the families involved. I have no doubts the police will be putting the utmost efforts in determining what happened. Such tragedies deserve respect to the families. It looks like the reporters are showing their respect to the families and police by allowing them to investigate the scene whilst not interfering or nagging police during such distressing times .

Empathy is what should be our focus at the moment. In time Bruce there will be answers.

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Wendy 9 days ago

My heart goes out to the Officer that would be one of the worst things that anyone would have to face. Bad enough going to these accidents but to find your little child would be beyond pain. I am sure his mates would of taken care of him. God Bless to all of them and I hope the others in the car make

a full recovery. Rest in peace little girl and hugs to your family..

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Ian 9 days ago

Heartbreaking fort all involved.

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ian 0z 9 days ago

This is so sad and tragic and especially this time of the year. My families condolences to this poor family, I can't even begin to imagine their pain.

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Sharon 9 days ago

This is a tragic event ,Our thoughts are with them and I pray that the media leave him and his family alone to grieve in peace

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Laurie 9 days ago

It must be every country coppers nightmare when attending accidents, to come across a loved one or family friend...

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Ros 9 days ago

They see such awful scenes in all parts of their work – but this is the worst of them.

Really feel for them.

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Jason 9 days ago

My sympathy to the officer and their family after suffering such a tragic accident. Country police always get called to those that they know and love. God bless.

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Jim 9 days ago

Our prayers go out to the policeman who lost his daughter in the horrific car accident. What a tragic thing to happen , going to the scene of an accident and finding one of your family members deceased RIP

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<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/policeman-called-to-crash-site-finds-girl-who-died-is-his-daughter/story-fni0cx4q-1227670867572>



Policeman's Christmas heartbreak: Off-duty officer arrived at crash scene to find his daughter, 4, dead inside and his youngest girl, 2, in critical condition... as police chief begs drivers to slow down

- Police Sergeant Steve Underhill arrived at car crash near Casino, NSW
- His two daughters were still trapped inside the vehicle at the time
- His four-year-old daughter Elle died at the scene on Friday, 1.20pm

- Car was being driven by their 18-year-old babysitter Courteney Matthews
- Three other people across Australia died in road accidents on Wednesday
- Police increasing safety operations over Christmas with double demerits

By Rachel Eddie For Daily Mail Australia

Published: 21:06 EST, **23 December 2015** | Updated: 11:44 EST, 24 December 2015

A grieving police officer who was called to the crash site where his four-year-old daughter perished and his two-year-old daughter suffered critical injuries will be offered more than \$50,000 in donations.

Police Sergeant Steve Underhill arrived at the scene at Bruxner Highway near Casino in northern NSW on Friday while his two daughters were still trapped inside the Red Mazda 323 which split in half in the two-car collision, Daily Telegraph reports.

Sgt Underhill was off-duty at the time, local police confirmed to Daily Mail Australia, and had to be restrained after his colleagues called him to the horrifying scene, Nine News reports.

His four-year-old daughter Elle died at the scene, and his two-year-old daughter was airlifted to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in South Brisbane in a critical condition.

She had emerged from a coma the following day in a remarkable recovery, NSW Police told Daily Mail Australia.

She will reportedly remain in hospital for a week as a precaution.

The car was being driven by the girls' babysitter, 18-year-old Courteney Matthews. She suffered lacerations to her arm in the

accident.

The little girl's death just a week before Christmas comes as three others died on Australian roads on the first day of the holiday season on Wednesday.

A passenger died in a two-car crash on the Bruce Highway, about 20km north of Gin Gin in central Queensland, about 12.45pm on Wednesday.

A motorcyclist aged in his 20s was killed hours later after he collided with a taxi in Albert Park, in Melbourne's inner south.

Police believe the taxi was doing a U-turn when the man crashed into it just before 5pm.

Another man later died in Tasmania after his car collided with a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction south of Somerset.

Speed and alcohol may have contributed to the crash, Tasmania police believe.

Police around Australia are increasing safety operations over the Christmas period, including stepping up drug and alcohol testing.

Double demerits will also be in place from Thursday, December 24 to Sunday, January 3.

They will target speeding, illegal use of mobile phones, not wearing a seatbelt and riding without a helmet.

Tasmanian Police say there's an eight-hour period on Christmas Eve when motorists are most likely to have a road accident after examining crash statistics from the past five years.

'The most likely time for a crash to occur during the Christmas and New Year period is on Christmas Eve between

midday and 8pm,' assistant commissioner Donna Adams said.

It comes as heartfelt tributes rolled in for 'beautiful girl' Elle on the GoFundMe page set up for her family.

'Such a beautiful girl and friend to our daughter, you will be greatly missed,' one person wrote.

'Our hearts go out to you for your loss of beautiful Elle and our prayers will be sent for her sister. We have only just been touched by tragedy ourselves and wish to pay forward some of the beautiful kindness we have also received,' another said. 'Stay strong for each other.'

'Constantly in our hearts,' another person who donated wrote.

The staff at Tweed Byron Police donated \$1,000 to the family on Wednesday.

Altogether, more than \$50,000 for the family in just three days, after family friend Tammie Valle launched the fundraiser.

The Casino local wrote that the community 'felt helpless in what we could do' to help the Underhill family following the tragedy.

'The funds raised will go towards helping this family with assisting with the funeral, memorial, and help with accommodation, medical expenses and travel costs,' the page reads.

Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said the force was grieving with the family.

'We care and we hurt,' he told Nine News.

Three others were hospitalised when the two cars collided around 1.20pm on Friday.

A seven-year-old girl in the passenger seat of the same car

was taken to Lismore Base Hospital suffering shock.

The 18-year-old woman driving, a babysitter, was taken to the same hospital, two hours south of Brisbane, with a laceration to her arm.

Neither the driver nor the seven-year-old girl are related to the two and four-year-old girls, who were sitting in the back seat of the car.

An 81-year-old man, the driver and sole occupant of the second vehicle, a white Subaru Liberty, was taken to hospital with sternum injuries and is understood to have been released from hospital on Saturday.

That day, a NSW Police spokesman said there was 'good news' for the two-year-old girl amongst the tragedy.

'She's out of the coma and breathing on her own now and talking to her parents.'

A toddler's car seat, children's toys and clothing could reportedly be seen in the wreckage near Irvington Wharf Road, about 10km east of Casino.

'It's an absolute tragedy that someone so long has been lost,' NSW Police Traffic and Highway Commander Acting Assistant Commissioner Hartley said on Friday.

'Let this time be one of celebration, an occasion where all the seats at the Christmas table are filled.'

Diversions were put in place away from the crash site for around seven hours on Friday.

The Crash Investigation Unit is investigating the crash with the assistance of local police.

They are appealing for any witnesses who have not yet spoken to police to come forward.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

You can donate to the family at the GoFundMe page.

Daily Mail Australia has contacted Tammie Valle.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3371635/Police-officer-four-year-old-daughter-died-two-year-old-suffered-critical-injuries-receive-50-000-donation.html>

<https://www.gofundme.com/snf8fzwk>

Elle Underhill: Family asks

police to watch over her body as they hope and pray for their injured younger daughter

December 23, 2015 6:59pm

THE heartbroken family of car crash victim Elle Underhill have asked police to ensure their daughter's body is not left alone as they keep vigil at the hospital bedside of their younger daughter.

Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said Sergeant Steve Underhill and his wife Michelle had asked him to ensure Elle was "not by herself" while they were with their two-year-old daughter in Brisbane.

Mr Scipione also revealed the heartbreaking moments when Sgt Underhill arrived at the crash scene and had to be held back by colleagues as he realised four-year-old Elle and her sister were involved.

The two girls were in the back seat of a red Mazda 323 when it and a white Subaru Liberty collided about 1.20pm last Friday 10km east of Casino on the north coast.

Their babysitter Courteney Matthews, 18, and a seven-year-old girl, sitting in the front seats, suffered minor injuries and shock.

Elle's sister was flown to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital where she was "on the mend", Mr Scipione said.

Mr Scipione, who spent time with the Underhill family this week, said it was a "tragedy from start to finish".

"It's so horrific it's difficult to even talk about," he said.

"We deal with these matters every day but when it's one of your own and when it's so graphic, it's difficult to tell other people. "In their conversations with me, it's clear that they were mourning the loss of their angel. They were mourning the loss of their little girl, they didn't want her to be alone.

"They were saying 'Commissioner, will you please make sure she's not by herself'."

The drivers involved are receiving counselling and friends are rallying behind Ms Matthews. Retired analytical chemist John White, 81, suffered a fractured sternum and internal bleeding in the crash but is expected to be released soon from hospital.

Mr Scipione said police were investigating the cause of the accident.

"We have to get to the bottom of that," he said.



THE tragic death of Elle Underhill has "cut deep to the bone" for the north coast and police communities who are now praying for her

sister / Picture: SuppliedSource:Supplied



Tributes left at the crash scene in Casino /
Picture: Supplied

<http://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/elle-underhill-family-asks-police-to-watch-over-her-body-as-they-hope-and-pray-for-their-injured-younger-daughter/news-story/066c2802bb125b87d3ff30bf578bf6c8?sv=8ec421be2f26b506327a5e7663502d9d>

Gloria GORDON

02/01/2016

Gloria GORDON –

wife of Lindsay GORDON (R.I.P. Jan 2025)

(late of Kiama)

New South Wales Police Force – wife

Stations: ?, Campbelltown (Sergeant), Unanderra (Unanderra residence early 1970's), Warilla (Lake Illawarra)

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Monday 7 December 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 81

Funeral date: Friday 11 December 2015 @ MD

Funeral location: Stan Crapp Funeral Home, 125 Manning

Street, KIAMA

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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Gloria & Lindsay GORDON



THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014
RETIRED POLICE DAY HELD AT LAKE ILLAWARRA
POLICE STATION, OAK FLATS.
LINDSAY GORDON WHOSE WIFE, GLORIA, DIED ON
MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 – AGED 81

John Benoni ROSS

02/01/2016

John Benoni ROSS

(late of Willoughby and Balmain)

New South Wales Police Force

[blockquote]

Sarah Ann ROSS – wife of John

Died on: 24 April 1885 (10 days after her husband)

Funeral date: Sunday 26 April 1885

[/blockquote]

Regd. # 'Q' 2523

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system)

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 25 March 1875

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Balmain 1879 to 1882, North Willoughby Station (O.I.C. during 1884)

Service: From 25 March 1875 to 14 April 1885 = 9+ years
Service

Awards:

Not a Police award but a civilian one

Another lengthy report was in the **SMH Tuesday 3rd June 1879:**

On the presentation of the **gold watch and chain** and an address as an acknowledgement of **Constable Ross**, intrepid conduct rescuing two persons at the risk of his own life. Three cheers were given by the **50 residents** attended the **Balmain Council Chambers** for the presentation.

The inscription: *Presented to **Constable John Benoni Ross** by the inhabitants of **Balmain**, in admiration of his heroic conduct in rescuing two lives at a well accident, **18 April 1879. Balmain 2 June 1879.***

A letter from the **Inspector General of Police** was noted at the **27 June 1879**, Balmain Council meeting, having reference to the **gallant conduct of Constable Ross** at the recent well accident. The watch remains in the Ross family treasures.

Born: ? ? 1852, **Caithness, Scotland**

Died on: Tuesday 14 April 1885 at Police residence,
Chatswood Police Stn, North Willoughby

Cause: Typhoid Fever as did his wife Sarah 10 days later aged 30 and their infant daughter Sarah aged 1

Age: 32

Funeral date: Wednesday 15 April 1885

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, corner Mowbray Road West and Pacific Highway, Chatswood. (opposite the Great

Northern Hotel)

Memorial at: ?



In Memory of Senior Constable John B. Ross Died 14th April 1885 aged 32. Also Sarah Ann, Wife of the above. Died 24th April 1885 aged 30. Also infant child Sarah. Erected by his comrades & friends.

JOHN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance ***NEED MORE INFO**

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An Infant of
SENIOR CONSTABLE
JOHN B. ROSS

DIED 14TH APRIL 1885 / AGED 30

Also

SARAH ANN

Wife of The Above

DIED 24TH APRIL 1885 AGED 30

Also

Infant Child SARAH

Directed by His Comrade

W. JOHNS



Kevin Banister

May 4 2020 at 4:59 PM

Went for a trip this afternoon (4/5/2020) to the Pioneers Memorial Reserve, Mowbray Road, Chatswood and took a couple of photos of the resting place of Senior Constable John Benone ROSS and family.

This little cemetery is a heritage site and is being maintained by Lane Cove Council and what a wonderful job they are doing. The ribbon had fallen off and I re-attached it. In the bottom left corner of the plot is a rose bush as is on most other marked graves. Even these are pruned.

The Sydney Morning Herald

1885

Wednesday 15 April

P 1 of 16

ROSS. – April 14, at his residence, **Police Station, North Willoughby**, **John Binnone Ross**, aged 33 years, native of **Caithness, Scotland**, leaving a wife and five children and large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

ROSS. – April 14, at the Police Station, North Willoughby, Senior-constable John Ross (**late of Balmain**), leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss.

In Memoriam.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13579970>

The Sydney Morning Herald

1885

Wednesday 15 April

P 16 of 16

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. **JOHN B. ROSS** are respectfully invited to his Funeral ; to leave his residence, **Lane Cove-road**, THIS DAY Wednesday, at **3 o'clock**, for the **Wesleyan Cemetery, Willoughby**.

W. H. HOWARD, Undertaker, Walker-street, St. Leonards.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/13579996>

Balmain Observer & Western Suburbs Advertiser

April 1885

Saturday 18

P 3 of 4

Senior Constable Ross, well known in **Balmain** about **four years ago** and lately in charge of **North Willoughby**, died on **Monday night**, from, **consumption**.

It will be remembered that he made a very **plucky rescue** of **two men from a well** in the neighbourhood of **Beattie street**, in which was **foul air** while he was stationed in **Balmain**, the effects of which he has **since suffered from**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/132245368>

THE FRIENDS of the late **Mrs. ROSS**, widow of the late **Senior-constable Ross**, of **Chatswood**, are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral ; to leave her residence at 3 o'clock **TOMORROW, Sunday, for Wesleyan Cemetery.**

W. H. HOWARD, Undertaker, Walker-street, St. Leonards.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28361297>

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

In the Intestate Estate of **JOHN B. ROSS**, late of Willoughby, **Senior Constable**, deceased.

CREDITORS are to forward to me (through the Post Office if they think fit), at my office, in the Supreme Court, Sydney, their details for proof, verified by affidavit, on or before the fifteenth day of June next, or they will be excluded from all benefit from this estate.

THEO. POWELL,

Curator of Intestate Estates.

30th May, 1885.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28362085>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Saturday 1 May 1886

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ROSS.— In remembrance of **John Ross**, who died April **13**, 1885 and **Sarah Ann Ross**, wife of the above, who died **May 1st**, 1885, at **their residence, Chatswood police station, North Willoughby**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/28356899>

‘Balmain Association’ newsletter dated April 2001.

P o l i c e H e r o i c R e s c u e

A letter from Mrs Meg Chamberlin formally of Ferdinand Street, Balmain and now of Macley Island, Queensland, stated that some information on her family history could be of interest to the Association. While cleaning out a draw on a visit to her mother at the family home, a letter was found with an interesting PS, relating to a presentation of a gold watch to **Constable John Benone Ross** in **1879**.

Constable Ross was stationed at the **Watch House** from **1879 to 1882** and lived in **Darling Street, Rozelle**, near **Red Lion Street**. He then moved to **Chatswood** where he, his wife **Sarah Ann** and a child died within a few days of each other in a **Typhoid epidemic** in **April 1885**. **John** was **32** years and **Sarah** was **30** years and daughter **Sarah** **1** year. They were buried in the **church yard** of the **Methodist Church, Chatswood**. Comrades and friends erected the headstone. **Grandmother Sarah Ann**

Robinson reared the other **four children**.

In a report in the **Sydney Morning Herald, Tuesday 21" April 1879:**

On **Friday** morning a man named **Albert Drave** was nearly suffocated by descending into a newly dug well **25 feet deep** behind the **Bellevue, now Sackville Hotel, Darling Street**. A **blast** had just taken place at the **bottom of the well** and the **smoke** not having thoroughly cleared way before **Drave** descended, he was almost suffocated when he reached the bottom. His distress having been noticed by the proprietor of the allotment **Mr Barthrope**, he at once descended to retrieve **Drave**, but he was likewise became overpowered by the fumes of the powder. **Constable Ross** being near the spot, volunteered to descend and succeeded in bringing up to the surface first **Drave**, then **Barthrope**. **Drs. Brennan and Evans** were quickly on the spot and industriously applied the usual restoratives. Both men are doing well at the latest accounts.

Another lengthy report was in the **SMH Tuesday 3" June 1879:**

On the presentation of the **gold watch and chain** and an address as an acknowledgement of **Constable Ross**, intrepid conduct rescuing two persons at the risk of his own life. Three cheers were given by the **50 residents** attended the **Balmain Council Chambers** for the presentation.

The inscription: *Presented to **Constable John Benoni Ross** by the inhabitants of **Balmain**, in admiration of his heroic conduct in rescuing two lives at a well accident, **18 April 1879**. **Balmain 2 June 1879**.*

A letter from the **Inspector General of Police** was noted at the **27 June 1879**, Balmain Council meeting, having reference to the **gallant conduct of Constable Ross** at the recent well accident. The watch remains in the **Ross family treasures**.

Suspicious Death.

ON Wednesday evening **Senior-constable Ross**, who **is** in charge of the **North Willoughby station**, received intelligence from a man named **Henby** that a death under suspicious circumstances had taken place in the district. He accordingly proceeded to a house near Burn's Bay, Lane Cove Road, occupied by William Cox, who is stated to be an old resident of the district. In one of the rooms was found the body of **Ann Sophia Cox** in bed, looking to all appearance dead.

Dr. Rorke, of North Shore, was at once communicated with. He soon arrived, and expressed an opinion that deceased had probably met with her death in consequence of external injuries. The only female clothes in the house beyond those found on the woman were a chemise and another garment, both of which were stained with blood.

Under the circumstances the constable apprehended **William Cox**, the husband of the deceased, at a late hour last night, and he is now lodged at the **St. Leonards police station**.

Upon being questioned as to the occurrence the prisoner declared that he knew nothing of the cause of his wife's death beyond that she had sustained a fall, and expressed ignorance concerning the garment stained with blood. It appears that Cox informed **Henby** of the death of the woman in the first place.

The police state that prisoner has been often seen of late under the influence of drink, and his domestic matters did not seem to have been of a happy character. He is described as of no occupation.

Julia Patricia HARDMAN

02/01/2016

**Julia Patricia HARDMAN – wife of
Jack & mother of Mick**

New South Wales Police Force

(late of Valentine, NSW)

Rank: Police Wife & Police Mother

Stations: ?, Wollongong

Service: From ? to 12 September 2015

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Saturday 12 September 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 88

**Funeral date: Thursday 17 September
2015 (TOMORROW) @ 1pm**

**Funeral location: St.Mary Immaculate
Catholic Church, Cnr Milson & Smart Sts,
Charlestown**

Buried at: ?

FUNERAL LOCATION: [codepeople-post-map]

Julia HARDMAN, the wife of retired Superintendent Jack HARDMAN, who last worked at Wollongong, and the mother of Mick HARDMAN who was the Lockup Keeper at Kiama, has passed away.

We extend our condolences to Jack and the family at this time.

JULIA PATRICIA HARDMAN

Obituary

Guest Book

Be the first to share your memories or express your condolences in the Guest Book for JULIA PATRICIA HARDMAN.

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HARDMAN, JULIA PATRICIA

Late of Valentine

Passed away suddenly, yet peacefully surrounded by Her loving family 12th September, 2015

Aged 88 Years

Dearly loved Wife of JACK. Much loved Mother & Mother-in-law of TERRY & ANNE, MICHAEL & JANE, SIMON & LEANNE. Loving Nanna & Grandma to Her 9 grandchildren & 3 great grandchildren.

The Relatives & Friends of JULIA are warmly invited to attend Her Funeral to be held in St.Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Cnr Milson & Smart Sts, Charlestown TOMORROW THURSDAY 17/9/2015 Funeral Mass for the repose of Her soul commencing at 1pm.

“Forever In Our Hearts”



— See more at:
<http://tributes.theherald.com.au/obituaries/theherald-au/obituary.aspx?n=julia-patricia-hardman&pid=175835911#sthash.0bVDEtju.dpuf>

Elizabeth FAHEY

02/01/2016

Elizabeth Fay FAHEY

aka Liz

New South Wales Police Force – Widow

the wife of the Late Sergeant Bill Fahey (NSW Police Rescue
Squad)

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Monday 31 May 1948

Died on: Sunday 25 December 2016

Place of death:

Cause: Brain tumour

Age: 68 years, 6 months, 24 days

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Castlebrook Cemetery, 718 Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill,
NSW

Memorial at:



May they forever Rest In Peace



Liz and Bill FAHEY

As of Monday **14 September 2015**, Elizabeth Fahey – the wife of deceased Sergeant Bill Fahey, is currently in hospital with a brain tumour and having scans to determine the extend of the tumour.

We wish Elizabeth all the very best for a full and speedy recovery.

As of Wednesday **29 September 2015**, Liz's brain tumour pathology is back and it was found to be malignant. Doctors are going to do chemotherapy & radiotherapy.

Dear family and friends.

Maybe the majority of you will not know the name nor my relationship with this lovely Lady. Yesterday on **25/12/2016**, Elizabeth (Liz) Fahey lost her battle with a brain tumour. She was the wife of a 'giant' in the New South Wales Police Rescue Squad, Sergeant William (Bill, Uncle Bill) Fahey. Liz and Bill were living in Queensland when Bill died some years back. Liz moved back to NSW but not much is known of her life back here (to my shame) until recently when she became ill.

I joined the NSW Police Force in 1974 and till 1978 I was stationed at Annandale. In 1978 I completed a Rescue course and was transferred to the Police Rescue Squad. One of the first senior members of the Squad I was introduced to was Bill. He was a big man but not tall. Think of the size of an 18 gallon beer keg and apply that to his upper body.

Think this. When wearing his white overalls, he could roll up his sleeves, put the pointy end of a full size anvil in the sleeve and pick up the blunt end of the anvil and lift vertically. A powerful man with the heart of gold. Wasn't long before I met his beautiful partner Liz. She was a tiny thing, 5 foot nothing. But, when she came around for a visit, or a function at the PRS, she lit up the room. What a gentle soul she was. She would sit with anyone, everyone for a chat. She was a 'mum' to us all.

The last time I saw and spoke to Liz and Bill together was in 1985 at my wedding, and have a couple of photos. I shall treasure those photos. God bless Liz, you put up the good fight. You had so many people praying/thinking of you over these past months. The New South Wales Police Rescue Squad, The New South Wales VRA, any Rescue organisation that knew Liz will be thinking of her.

God Bless dear Lady.

Article by Kevin Banister, NSW Fallen Police FB Group

Kel Stewart I remember being the barmaid at the Cleveland Inn Surry Hills in those years and serving Liz and Bill Fahey beer whilst they were enjoying a smoke surrounded by Police rescue personel. Liz was a gentle soul Kevin and when I think of her....I smile. Liz is now back with Bill probably enjoying a beer & smoke. RIP Liz. Kel

Like · Reply · 2 · Yesterday at 8:44am

Kevin Banister The old Clevo. Many a de-brief at that pub especially on pay day

Like · Reply · 22 hrs

June Anne HUGHES

02/01/2016

June Anne HUGHES – wife of Garry

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Monday 10 August 2015

Cause: ?

Age: ?

**Funeral date: Wednesday 19 August 2015
@ 1pm**

**Funeral location: Nerang-Beaudesert
Catholic Church, 1 Bromelton Road,
BEAUDESERT**

Buried at: ?



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The life of June Anne HUGHES was commemorated on the 19 August last when she was bid farewell by so many that knew and loved her throughout her lifetime. Father John ECHEWODO, of the St Marys Catholic Church, Beaudesert, officiated at the service in celebration of the life of June Anne Hughes.

Funeral arrangements were most professionally conducted and attended to under the auspices of 'A Gentle Touch Funerals' of Mudgeeraba.

A large gathering of family and friends ensured that June received a most splendid farewell. Her husband (our Treasurer Garry Hughes) presented a most solemn and touching eulogy – which was followed by number of family members and other friends who spoke glowingly of a truly endeared person, a fine woman and a wonderful, caring mother.

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

With regret I advise the death of June HUGHES, the wife of Garry Hughes, of the Gold Coast Branch of the RPA.

June passed away on 10/08/2015 and her funeral is proposed to be held at 1pm on Wednesday 19th Instant at the Nerang-Beaudesert Catholic Church, Bromelton Road, BEAUDESERT.

<http://www.stmarysbeaudesert.com/uploads/newsletters%202015/Aug%2016e.pdf>

Marie LENTON

02/01/2016

Marie LENTON – wife of Robert Lenton

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?, M. O. Unit – Parramatta

Service: From ? to 9 May 2015

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Saturday 9 May 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 80

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

I have been advised, on 4 August 2015, of the death of Marie LENTON, 80 old, the wife of Robert Lenton, an Unattached Veteran Member of the RPA.

Marie passed away on 09/05/2015 and her funeral has been held.

Sergeant Lenton worked his last years at the M. O. Unit, Parramatta, around the 1980's – 1990's

Mary HODSDON

02/01/2016

Mary HODSDON – wife of Gary

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?, South Region Command, Lake Illawarra,

Service: From ? to 30 July 2015

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Thursday 30 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 61

Funeral date: Friday 7 August 2015 @ noon

Funeral location: South Chapel, Woronora Crematorium, Linden Street, Sutherland

Buried at: Cremated



Mary & Gary Hodsdon – 2003



Mary HODSDON – 2013

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Deepest condolences to Gary, Jason & Michael.

May Mary forever Rest In Peace

HODSDON, Mary (nee Fraser)

July 30, 2015 Aged 61 years

Much loved wife of Gary, daughter of Jim and Ann (both deceased), Mum of Jason and Michael, and mother-in-law of Kellie.

Beloved sister of Thomas and Pam.

Devoted Nanna of Natalie, Cameron and Benjamin.

Sadly missed by her extended families.

We have so many happy memories

Family and friends of MARY are warmly invited to attend her funeral service to be held at the South Chapel, Woronora Crematorium, Linden Street, Sutherland on Friday August 7, 2015 at 12pm.

In lieu of flowers donations to Australian Cancer Research Foundation would be appreciated.

Published in The Daily Telegraph on 04/08/2015

<http://tributes.dailytelegraph.com.au/notice/180762065/view?random=1438716155001#sthash.C0qvMEUu.dpuf>
