

Rhoda Dulcie Adams, married John Henry Denne.

Rhoda was always called Dulcie by choice. She was born in 1925 and grew up in Hobart, being educated at Macquarie St School and then taking jobs in the city. Dulcie decided to start nurse training in Melbourne in the forties but missing connection with family, returned to Tasmania. During holiday or recreational times, Dulcie went to Cockle Creek to visit her parents and was able to fish with them because they were commercial fishers. She met Jack (John Henry) Denne during this period. After their courtship and her introduction to the peaceful lifestyle of the country, they were married in 1951.

They settled on North Bruny, building a cottage at Great Bay where they had three children: Jillian (1952), Carolyn (1953) and Dianne (1957). Dulcie was carer for the children, cook for the family, social events manager and support for her in-laws and during this time, a member of the North Bruny wider community.

In 1959, it was time for Jillian to start school so the family sold up and moved to Adventure Bay where there was a school bus service and an Area School at Alonnah. Baby Lisa was welcomed into the family in 1961.

Sadly, Jack died suddenly and mysteriously during the year so Dulcie and the four children were left to begin a new and different life. Eventually, they had to move to Hobart where Dulcie remarried and had two more children: Trudy Wolff (1963) and Adam Wolff (1965).

Dulcie brought up her children under great duress but always with wisdom. She moved to Victoria when her three young ones were in primary school because her husband, Brian Wolff had joined the forces. Dulcie spent the rest of her life in Wodonga, Victoria where she died in 1980 after suffering a heart attack. She fulfilled her dreams through her children and her local communities.

She was a storyteller (history of all nations including the first), sports supporter, crafty and creative, a great cook, quick witted and a 'doer'. She loved word games and crossword puzzles and was a clever poetry writer. She was also passionate about health and nutrition.

Dulcie's ashes have been scattered on Jack's grave at the Barnes Bay Cemetery and a memorial plaque placed there in honour of her life.