

On being asked what were some of her happiest memories, her response was "going on the truck with boys and girls to our family camps to the bush at Uros Bluff, Bookaloo and beach camps to Mangrove Point and Mitchellville. These were special memories for her and they stayed dear to her heart always.

Mr Mac is thankful for the 51 special years they shared together and he has so many precious memories of their time together. They shared their calling to come to Umeewarra Mission to do the Lord's work with the Aboriginal community of Port Augusta. She was dedicated to both her husband and their work they shared together.

He has many happy and humorous memories of their married life including, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary when he took her to a nice restaurant and she ordered a hotdog! Another example was when she went to see the doctor recently and when the Doctor asked why she was there, she replied "I am here to get the results of my autopsy"! The Dr looked shocked and Mr Mac commented "I think she means biopsy"! The Doctor was somewhat relieved!

Mrs Mac loved fishing, watching football and cricket on TV, playing scrabble and rumingkin, snooker and completing jigsaws. She also enjoyed listening to the recordings of the Umeewarra Mission group singing and the special fellowship of God's people.

In later years after the Mission closed, their outreach work became very important and they travelled around the north west of the state continuing to do God's work and they were able to reconnect with many old Umeewarra people throughout this time.

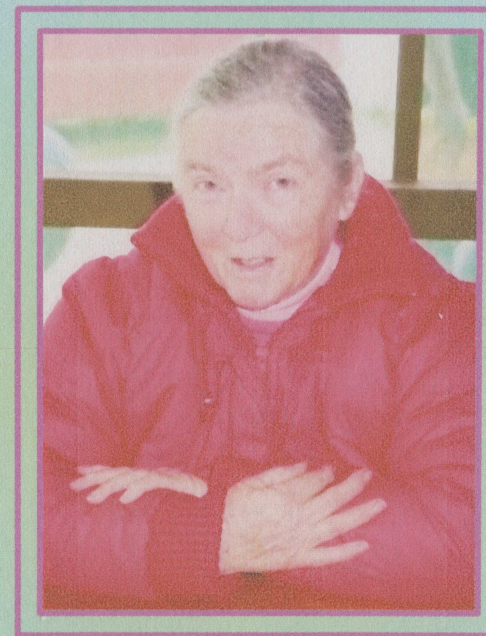
Mrs Mac was a very talented person who had made multi skilling an artform, it was the only way she could achieve all that she needed to achieve. She worked tirelessly for decades for other people, always putting the needs of others before her own. She was a very humble person who shunned the lime light and was happy to work in the background just getting on with the work at hand. Mrs Mac continued to care for others right up until the time she got sick, but even then she was still supporting and giving advice to those around her. She was more concerned with their feelings than her own illness.

Mrs Mac gave her heart to the Lord as a young child and has lived a consistent Christian life, displaying Godly love and compassion to all.

Mr Mac and the family would like to especially thank the members of our Umeewarra family who have shown us great help and support and the wider community, so many have rung and said they were praying for us. We would also like to thank the Cowell Community Services for their great help and advice throughout Mrs Mac's illness.



In loving memory Ivy Elizabeth McWilliams



1932 - 2008

*Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen*

1 Timothy 1:17





*Ivy Elizabeth McWilliams
(nee Green)*

Loving daughter of Lillian and John Green (both dec)

Much loved sister of Mary (dec) and Winnie.

Dearly beloved and devoted wife of Alan McWilliams

*Loved sister in law to John & Jean, Peter & Barbara,
Tom and Stan*

Special Mother to all of the Umeewarra children

Ivy Elizabeth McWilliams (nee Green), was born on 29th May 1932 in Sydney and passed into the presence of the Lord on 26th September 2008.

Ivy was the middle child of Lillian and John Green. Sadly both of her parents passed away at a young age. Due to the ill health of their mother, Ivy grew up with her two sisters Mary (dec) and Winnie in the Lutanda Children's Home.

Mrs Mac, as she became to be known, and her youngest sister Winnie were very close as children and have stayed close throughout their lives, even though they lived a long way apart they always kept in contact. They had many interests in common including knitting, sewing and fishing and spent many hours together enjoying their shared interests.

Mrs Mac has 4 nieces and 7 nephews and they were all very special to her.

Mrs Mac did her schooling in Sydney, nurses training in Sydney Children's Hospital and mid-wifery course in Camberdown. At an early age she realised her calling in life was to care for others.

She met and fell in love with Alan McWilliams and in 1957 they were married. This loving marriage lasted for the rest of her life and they celebrated their 51st anniversary earlier this year.

In 1959 the newly weds, answered the Lord's call to serve at Umeewarra Mission. In those days many of the people at Davenport were living a traditional lifestyle and living in wurlies.

Mr and Mrs Mac were very important to the Mission at Umeewarra. Mr Mac's skills as a carpenter and handyman as well as mentor for the boys and Mrs Mac with her nursing background was a vital part of the community.

Mrs Mac took over the medical work on Davenport Community from Miss Morton which involved being available day or night, also to outlying camps, "The Villas" and "The Halfway Camp". The government provided a station wagon to transport patients to and from the hospital and occasionally the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Her dress making skills were used in all sorts of ways. In 1959 we introduced Boys Club and she made football gumseys from sugar bags dyed in two colours. Later she sewed numbers on basketball shirts.

It was then decided to offer a light meal to the boys club members and she cooked and served this meal two nights per week catering to primary and high school club members. This was of course on top of cooking the normal meals required by the children in her care.

Mrs Mac was an archivist, she recorded the births, deaths and marriages of many Davenport and town people, plus Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta.

The birthday information she collected she used to ensure that every child got a birthday cake on their special day and she never forgot anyone, including all the boys club members.

Mrs Mac was a wealth of information and was often called upon for family history assistance. This vital role will be sadly missed as much of this information has been lost with her passing.

Mrs Mac worked tirelessly knitting garments for the Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM) stall days, and cooked meals for many of their working parties who came to work at Umeewarra Mission, as well as visitors in general.

When the Mission School was closed, Mrs Mac took on the role of driving the children in the Mission bus to and from the town schools. She was once even booked for speeding! Mrs Mac also took girls to and from netball on Saturdays.

Mrs Mac was also called "The Tree Woman", as she had the green thumb and planted many trees at Umeewarra and Mitchellville. She has helped many Aboriginal families with gardening advice including cutting, planting etc.

She was a very caring person and was never known to say a bad word about anybody, she corrected Mr Mac when he did and reminded him of those in need of special prayer. Seen to always wear the ornament of a "meek and quiet spirit" which in the sight of God is of great price.

Mrs Mac had a special relationship with the girls and many of them turned to her in times of trouble throughout their lives. She was very supportive and as part of the Mothering role she had she supported them through the transition from girls to women. This is a role only a mother can do and she had this role for many of the girls at Umeewarra Mission.

Mrs Mac was a special mum to Nancy, Justin and Emily and many others.

