



In Peace

22nd December Julia Sarah Theodosia Kirby (nee Waters) Born in 1935, Julie was the eldest of three children. Her childhood homes were in Bengoe and then Burleigh Road, Hertford. She attended Bengoe Infant and Junior Schools and then Longmores Girls' School. One of her fondest memories of this time was winning the netball finals as team captain at the tender age of 15. She was proud of winning her County Badge, which involved a year's work and was similar to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Her first job was at Allen and Hanbury's in Ware for a year sticking labels on food jars being exported to Egypt. She then took up a catering course at London Poly and won a diploma; this was used in cooking in local hospitals and nurseries. She was still working as a shop assistant at Hertford Pets where she won Hertford's 'Cheery Trader of the Year' award in 1999.

Julie met her husband, Michael, through her brother John and they married in 1955 at Bengoe Church. Her ambitions in life were to have her six children, Pam, Sara, Joanne, Liz, Mick and Sallyann and to love and cherish them. Sadly, Michael passed away six years ago after a long illness. Julie was the backbone of the family, supporting the children in their school and club activities. She was a helper and fund-raiser for Hertford and Ware Sea cadets for many years.

Julie was sad when her daughter Sara died 4 years ago and was looking forward to fostering Sara's two children. She continued to make cakes for friends along with her other hobbies of knitting, cross stitch and embroidery along with a love of reading. She knew many people in Hertford and often stopped to have a chat keeping her family waiting rather longer than "just a minute dear"

She was the extremely proud Nan of 13 grand-children and 4 great-grand-children.

29th December (date of funeral)

Kathleen Maud Hayes. Aged 85 years, Kathleen was born in Hertford and lived and went to school in Sele Farm. On leaving school she worked in a local dress shop before being called up into the Royal Artillery as a spotter for an anti-aircraft unit during the Second World War. Her team was especially skilled at detecting flying bombs and they shot down more than 90% of those that came into their area.

After the war Kate married and went back to work in the dress shop. Kate became receptionist at Stuart Humphrey Osteopathy practice, and she worked there for over thirty years. She was a magnificent cook and often prepared splendid buffets for the practice's receptions.

When her husband was dying Eddie came up o Hertford daily to help her care for him and after his death Eddie was persuaded to stay with her and look after her. She and Eddie holidayed often in Spain and went on various cruises together. She was a loving and lively partner and they much enjoyed their dancing.

Sadly, her arthritis began to limit her mobility but she was a kind, uncomplaining person who would help anyone. She loved all sorts of flowers and especially yellow and white arrangements.

She died peacefully in Eddie's arms.