

*Marcia Alison Shaw
Nee Long*



18/01/1953 - 11/10/2017



*Loved Daughter of Robert & Mary Long (both Dec).
Granddaughter of Peter & Queenie Long and John & Adelaide Geary (All Dec).
Ex-wife of Clyde (Dec).
Dearly loved sister of Ruth, John, Dolly, Frankie (Dec), Teenie, Peter and Rachel.
Sister-in-law of Richard, Cheryl (Dec), Robert, Carl (Dec), Janice, Roy (Dec), Stan (Dec) and Tommy (Dec).*

*Cherished mother of Rachel, Michelle, Clyde, Matthew, Hannah, Andrew and Sarah
Mother-in-law of Jay (Dec), Jono, Damien, Stacey and Jade.
Special mum to Timothy*

Adored Grandmother of Shirley, Jason & Tilly, Mabeline, Royce, Wenonah & Dylan, Dallas, Ronan, Clarence, Robyn, Marcia & Sebby, Wyntah, Clyde, Latoya, Casanne, Rivah, Timmy & Ella.

Great Grandmother of Tremayne & Aria and Marcia & Sebby's little one yet to come.

Loved Cousin, Aunty and friend of many she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

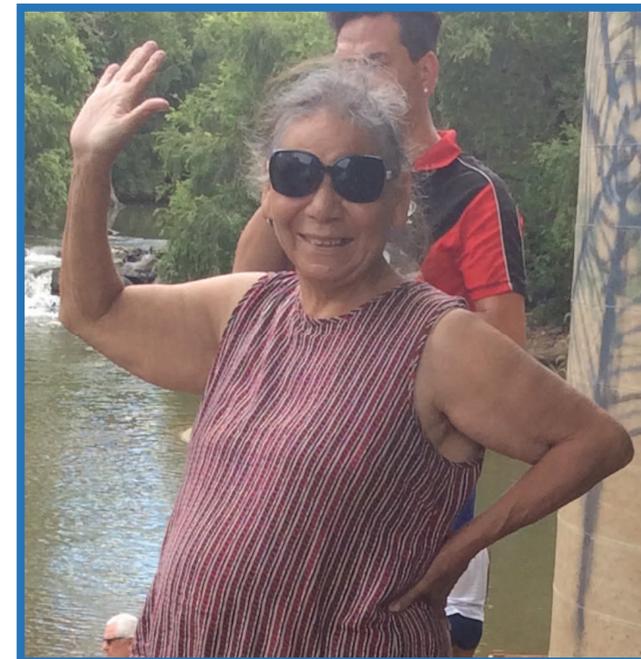
Marcia passed away on 11th October 2017 at the Quorn Hospital in the presence of her family. She remained convinced of her Lord's faithfulness and promise to call her from the grave.

Marcia's greatest desire is that all her children will rise with her on the day Jesus calls his loved ones from the grave, that they will spend the rest of eternity together with the Lord.

The family wish to thank everyone for their support on the passing of our loved one, she will be forever in our hearts.'

Pall Bearers

*Jason McLeod (Grandson)
Royce McLeod (Grandson)
Matthew Shaw (Son)
Clyde Shaw II (Son)
Peter Long (Brother)
John Long (Brother)*



Sadly, Marcia never got to meet her great granddaughter Aria, though she did see photos of her before she passed. Marcia was active in her children & grandchildren's sporting lives, going to all their games, disappointed if she couldn't make one here and there & encouraging them all to do their best. She was very proud of all their sporting abilities.

Over the years, Marcia often made the trip to QLD to visit her loved ones over there, and was devastated when 'The Hollow' was sold off and the land ripped up for mining. Her beloved 'Hollow' was not the same anymore, the beautiful, rolling countryside marred by deep holes and dirt piles. The Hollow was paradise on earth for Marcia and her siblings, and when she spoke of how sad and disappointed she was about its destruction, Rachel would say to her, *"Don't worry mum, God's gonna give us a new earth. He'll give you another Hollow."*

In 2014 Clyde was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. Throughout his illness and up to his death in February 2016 Marcia was a huge support for both Clyde and her children and grandchildren, a source of strength for them all.

Marcia was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia of which she had for many years, but was well controlled, however in late 2016 Marcia was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and underwent a Whipples Procedure in Adelaide from which she recovered very well. Unfortunately, the Pancreatic Cancer returned in 2017 and Marcia chose to spend the rest of her days with her family, preferring quality time with them over treatment.



Marcia was born in Beaudesert, QLD on the 18th January 1953 to loving parents Robert and Mary Long, the second of eight children.

Marcia spent her childhood growing up at 'The Hollow' just outside of Beaudesert. As a child, she walked all over "The Hollow", spending many hours exploring and playing throughout the creeks and hills of the land that she had called "Home".

Marcia shared a close bond with her siblings and related many stories to her children of the fun and mischievous things she got up to with her siblings and cousins. She often told the story of when she and her cousin Kerri were messing around in a small creek on a rope swing and she slipped, getting her foot caught in the rope and fell head first into the water. She was unable to get her head up out of the water. *"Lucky Aunty Kerri was there, she jumped in and pulled me up. I would have drowned if she hadn't saved me."*

Another story she told was of the time Nanna Mary wanted Teenie and Peter to do the dishes, but they were too busy playing on a rope swing. After a while, Nanna Mary got sick of telling them saying "Yeah", so she grabbed a tomahawk and marched outside. Peter and Teenie saw her coming and thought she was going to kill them for not doing as they were told. They started screaming *"Don't kill us! Don't kill us!"* But Nanna Mary was only going to cut the rope swing down. Nanna Mary cracked up laughing.

And then there was the time, Marcia, quite bored, got up and started dancing to the sound of a passing train near Copley, getting Teenie, Lydia and Brenda to join in also, even a couple of tourists joined in the fun. There they were, a group of people dancing to the sound of a passing train! Marcia started a trend in the family that day, that is carried on even today.

Marcia loved fishing, especially when she went home to Beaudesert, she would go out with her sisters and brothers and they would spend many hours there, talking and reminiscing of the old times.

Marcia taught her children and grandchildren to sing the song of the old ones to draw the fish to them. On her last trip to QLD, Marcia went out fishing with Teenie, Rachel, Jason & Tilly, Andrew, Sarah, Wyntah & Shirley – they caught about 21 Mullet in the Logan River

and Jason had to chase away a Taipan who thought he might come and join the family on the bank!!

Marcia was fiercely proud of her culture. She was the Great, Great, Granddaughter of Moolpago, the last known full blood Chief of the Ugarapul Nation of the Fassifern Valley (now known as the Southern Scenic Rim) and the Great Granddaughter of William "Billy" Drumley of the Kombumerri (Nerangwal) People, a legend in his own right, of which the annual S.E. QLD event "The Drumley Walk" is held in his honour.

Marcia would often tell her children to walk with pride and dignity, for they were the children of royalty – black fulla royalty and white man's royalty. When asked how, she would explain that she was the Great, Great Granddaughter of the last known Chief of the Ugarapul Nation and the Great Granddaughter of Bunjoey, daughter of Moolpago, and the last known full-blood, who became later known as 'Princess Susan', as identified by Edward, the then Duke of Windsor, who later became Prince Edward VIII.

Marcia was raised in a time when Indigenous Australians had to fight for recognition in their own lands, she often spoke of the injustices suffered by her people, the struggles they had in a white world and she never forgot any of it.

But she had a lot of happy memories to share as well and she often did. Marcia taught all her children to be proud of their identity as Indigenous People and would retell stories of the 'old ones' regularly, sharing with them the dreaming stories of her people and country with pride.

When Marcia was 14 years old, she gave her heart to her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and was baptised in the Albert River in 1967 with her older sister Ruth. Marcia faithfully served her Lord right up until her passing, teaching her children and grandchildren all about Jesus. Throughout her illness Marcia's faith never once wavered and she showed no fear, knowing she had the victory over death and that when Jesus calls her from the grave she will rise to meet him in the air and forever be with Him.

In 1973 Marcia married Clyde Shaw in Ipswich QLD and in 1974 she gave birth to her first child, Rachel. Rachel was soon followed by Michelle in 1975. The family moved back to South Australia for a few years where Clyde Jnr (1978) and Matthew (1981) were born in Old Leigh Creek. Moving back to Beaudesert, Hannah was born in 1983. The family moved back to SA, settling in Quorn in 1984. Andrew was born in Port Augusta in 1987 followed by Sarah who was born in Quorn in 1988. Marcia and Clyde separated in 2001. Over the years Marcia and her family experienced the heartbreak of losing loved ones, keeping their memories alive through stories and celebrating the birthdays of each as they came around.

One of the greatest battles Marcia and Clyde ever fought was when their granddaughter Wyntah was removed from her parents care as a baby and placed into foster care with a white family.

Marcia and Clyde hired a lawyer and took Families SA to court. They fought a two-year battle to get their granddaughter back. It was the greatest day of their lives when they won the court battle and Wyntah was transitioned into her grandparent's care and later returned to her parents. Marcia and Clyde were determined that no grandchild of theirs would be taken away and given to other people! Wyntah formed a special bond with her grandparents, especially her nana and the two remained exceptionally close. Marcia and her grandchildren share an amazingly close bond and she will be missed most of all by them.

Marcia's family were the joy of her life. She was not happy if she wasn't with one or several of them at the same time & always had grandchildren around her. Her grandchildren were the light of her life & the best days ever for Marcia was the day each of her grand children were born, being present for several of the births, beginning with the eldest, Jason, who was also the eldest great grandchild for Robert & Mary Long. Marcia was over the moon & very excited when her great grandson Tremayne was born to Wenonah & Dylan in 2015.

