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Caroline Marie Kirby

21-12-1946 - 11-12-2010

It is with great sadness that we have to report that we lost another long standing member of the Society.

Caroline's presence and cheerful manner will be greatly missed at all our functions.

Nearly always a late-comer Caroline would make up for that with assisting in the kitchen.

Each time Caroline came to the museum she carried a plastic bag filled with rubbish she had picked up on the footpath around the museum.

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Her funeral service was very well attended by all those associated with Caroline by being a member of numerous associations.

Her daughter, Donna, gave a beautiful eulogy on her mother. She mentioned that Caroline was the eldest of three daughters, had a good education and was offered a scholarship for university but chose Teachers College instead. She became a teacher and taught at various schools in Illawarra. After her own children were born she stopped teaching for a while. When her children were at school she took on a part time teaching of crafts for some years eventually retiring in 2000. Caroline then became involved in a number of organisations such as Trefoil Guild (for older Guides), IHS, Music Illawarra and so forth. When her own children married she was called upon to look after grandchildren, a total of seven at the time she passed away. Caroline had a full and satisfactory life and reared her children to be good responsible citizens.

She always loved a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

The Illawarra Historical Society and its members extend their sympathy and condolences to Ian and the whole family including her parents.

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