

# Vale ~ Ivy May Buzza

**Ivy May Buzza died peacefully at Warramunda, Kyabram on 7 September 2011 in her 95th year.**

Born in Tocumwal on January 13th, 1917, the fifth child of Ross and Alice Furphy. Her parents grew up as neighbours in the district of Corop. Following their marriage they moved to a farm near Tocumwal, where all six children were born. Ivy's siblings were brothers William and Alfred, sisters Jessie, Eva and Sylvia.

When Ivy was five years old the family moved to a farm near Corobimilla, fifteen kilometres south of Narrandera N.S.W. They lived there for about two years, the children walked three kilometres to a small school.

In 1925 the family moved to Rushworth so that the family could get a better education, only a short walk to the Rushworth High School.

In 1935 at eighteen Ivy commenced training as a nurse at Royal Melbourne Hospital, until her father bought "Lauderdale," a farm just east of Stanhope. Ivy returned home from Melbourne in 1938 to work on the farm.

The Buzza family were neighbours at "Cresco Park" and in April 1940 Ivy and Colin Buzza were married at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Kyabram. The newlyweds began life together at "Bonshaw," just west of Stanhope. They ran a mixed farm, with dairy, pigs, sheep and wheat.

Their three sons, Geoffrey, Gregory and Allan were born over the next five years.

In 1948 Colin was diagnosed with cancer and died three years

later, leaving Ivy with three young boys and a farm to manage.

With the help and support of the Buzza and Furphy families, Ivy managed to remain on the farm and raise her children.

During this time she was actively involved in tennis, church and C.W.A. in Stanhope.

In 1970, after her youngest son Allan was married, Ivy moved from "Bonshaw" into Stanhope.

Firstly at Brand St. then later into a new home next to St. Matthew's Church in Ryrie St.

There was now more time for sporting and social activities. Ivy played golf and later bowls at Valley View, winning two bowls club championships. She was an active club member holding office as golf president in 1968 and 1969 and bowls president in 1972 and 1973.

At age 80 she joined the Stanhope Bowls Club and played for several years.

A devoted member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church for many years, she was actively involved with Ladies Guild. Ivy was one of the first two women to be appointed to Vestry and remained on Parish Council and Vestry for many years, also serving as sacristan for over twenty years.

In 2008 Ivy moved into Warramunda, Kyabram. Despite her initial misgivings, the wonderful care and sensitivity provided by the family of Warramunda meant they soon found a special place in her heart.

Ivy is survived by her three sons, Geoffrey, Gregory and Allan, daughters in law, Betty, Liz and Judy, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

