

LINDA COX nee MANN KHS 1955 – 60??

And her husband DAVID COX, ex Sebright school

Linda died on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, in Oxford NZ hospital, convalescing following heart surgery.

David died during the afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, in Christchurch hospital, NZ, as a result of pancreatic cancer.

Linda leaves a son and daughter, plus her mother, Irene Hoedemakers, formerly Mann, nee Shutt, also a former pupil of KHS - now aged abt 92. Plus a younger sister Elaine nee Mann - was she ex KHS? She is travelling over for the funeral, and will perhaps stay for a while.

Other Old Girls of KHS living in the area, namely Jenny James, nee Oakes and Diane Gooseman , nee Slater will represent the school at her funeral.

Linda and David emigrated following their marriage and set up their first home in Christchurch, though David left almost immediately – leaving behind a very pregnant Linda , because he was in the Merchant Navy, and spent many years travelling the globe.

Linda will be sadly missed by many people. She was always proud of having been a scholar at KHS and still had many old exercise books, reports, magazines etc., and for some years has been a member of OGA.

In New Zealand she was well known, and respected in many circles, especially among Wool Spinners and Weavers . She recently served on the National Board of this organisation, representing S. Canterbury. During her period of office, she organised the Area Conferences held at various venues on S. Island, and attended the N Island events on behalf of S. Canterbury. She was a competent speaker. Be assured, she did KHS proud.

Linda's mother Irene emigrated to NZ some years ago. She is now physically frail but mentally alert, still an expert Scrabble player. When we visited in March this year, she beat us hollow. Linda was her carer for the past few years, and will be sorely missed.

Very shortly after Linda's death, Irene contacted Jenny James nee Oakes, asking her to let me know the sad news. Her wish was also for me to pass on the information to the Old School contacts.

I took it upon myself to ask Jenny to represent us at the funeral, and where appropriate to put forward messages of condolence on our behalf.

I am sending a Sympathy card and message to Irene, who must be quite devastated

Sheila Kirk 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011