



~ AUDREY ANNE EMERY 1937-2010 ~

Remembering Audrey brings joy to my heart – and so it did not surprise me that her Requiem Mass, at St Francis Church, Torbay; her Burial at North Shore Memorial Park and the food and fellowship at Browns Bay Bowling Club were filled with love, laughter, beauty, humour, song, colour,

strong scripture - and covered by the uplifting presence of the Holy Spirit. These were, of course, some of the many qualities of the Audrey we knew. Her gifts were many; her work in the field, enormous.

A child in England, a young woman in Kenya, Audrey came with her young husband, Nick, to New Zealand in 1962. Here, she converted to the Catholic Faith becoming a vibrant and faithful member. In 1971 the Emery family shifted to Torbay, North Shore where they became valued members of our Parish and Community. Tributes paid at her Mass by Father John Webb, her cousin and two of her sons, Kevin and Paul, were a privilege to hear and a present to take away.

Audrey's practical nature was balanced by a healthy sense of humour; these qualities were pearls in all her walks of life. She embraced the Charismatic Movement through Prayer Group and Dove Fellowship for Catholic Women. She was on the first Dove Formation Team and on Dove National Team from 1991 to 1997. Always faithful to their Parish, Audrey had been a Minister of Communion to the Sick, while she and Nick were Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, and Leaders of the Liturgy. She was a poet, a fan of the comic works of Joyce Grenville and Pam Ayers. She hosted Alzheimer's annual Morning Teas, played Bowls and much, much more. Above all she loved the Lord and tried always to live his words of scripture.

Audrey was an only child. However, I believe that her love of others earned her countless brothers and sisters in Christ. I, for one, will always hold dear her cheeky smile; our impromptu 'sing-alongs' of the tunes of our youth and Songs of Praise - and laughing together.

As I walked with her to the last corner and let her go into the arms of Jesus – I received these words -

'...and the greatest of these is love.' Corinthians 13:13

Go with joy, Aud. Love you too.

Jean Allen. 17.6.2010