

Rosaree Theresa Lockett was born in Wagga Wagga on 15th April 1935. She was the only child of Alice & Ted Lockett & lived a wholesome & happy life with her parents in Narrandera. She was educated at Narrandera High School & finally finished her education at SCEGGS MOSS VALE. The wonderful friends she met there have remained life long buddies. Ro was a most successful music student being taught by the nuns at the Narrandera Convent. She will be remembered for her singing & piano playing for the local Day Care Centre & Woodhaven. Ro joined the Bank of NSW in Wagga & worked happily with her peers.

In 1956 Ro & good friend Pat Reynolds at the age of 21 set off with huge amounts of luggage to see the world. They sailed on the Southern Cross & were away for 8 months. It was on this voyage that Ro met her first husband Peter Goodman who boarded the ship in Durban Sth Africa. Ro was the last girl that Peter walked around the deck. From there it was total love & lots to work out re their future & of course they did. Ro & Peter were married in 1957 in St Johns Church Wagga. They lived at "Ingleby North" Milbrulong until 1958 when they left to live in Sth Africa. Their 2 children Chris & Cindy were born in 1960 & 1963 thereby fulfilling their love for each other.....the 2 children bringing them much joy.What a wonderful life it was in Sth Africa. Ro made many friends & certainly left her mark. She worked for charities, soup kitchens, hand therapy at hospitals, vets receptionist & started the Kokstaad Museum. Ro & Peter together also began a business to save the farmers money & it is still operating today. Ro gave 10 years on the stage in musical comedy for the Returned Soldiers Fund.In 1979 Peter decided the future of Sth Africa did not look promising & so the family of four packed up to live in Australia. They moved into "Rawson Park" Ro's treasured Auntie Elva Rawson's home who moved into Lockhart so they would be comfortable.....But life did not go as planned. Two years later whilst holidaying with Cindy in Sth Africa, Peter died of a heart attack.....In 1985 Ro married Peter Strong & they have been great companions. Peter has been a tower of strength to Ro over the years. He has been patient & kind & even more so during the four years of her illness. He has been a true friend & husband with all the love he has given her.....There were two more marriages to celebrate....when Chris married Vicki in the garden of "Rawson Park" and two years later Cindy married Mark. And more joy to come for Ro with grandchildren Stephen, Nick and Rebecca and Sam & Louis.....Ro always missed her wonderful mother Alice Dodd & she cared for her needs until she died at 98. Her father died in 1957. They were a close knit family & Ro carried this out through her life with her own loved ones.....Ro enjoyed the Lockhart community & worked at the Museum with Curly Heckendorf & Neil Coghill. She was President of the Brookong Craft Shop which had over 50 members. Peter & Ro opened their home & garden to raise money for the Smith Family & the Museum. She supported Peter in his Rotary projects & for five years helped organise their trips away. Ro & Peter enjoyed their retirement & loved to travel.....Ro was very fond of Peter's family & their charming & lovely grandchildren. She was also known to these children as Granny Ro.....Life was too good to be true and in 2007 Ro was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Ro has always been cheerful & even this did not destroy her happy disposition.....

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