



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

# JOHN DOYLE

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28 NOVEMBER 1940 – 9 JUNE 2025



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF JOHN

John was born on 28 November 1940 in Sydney, NSW to Ethel and Clarence Doyle. Together with older brother Ken, the family lived on Duntroon Avenue, Roseville NSW.

John's formative years were spent at Roseville Public School and then St Ignatius College (Riverview). While graduating from both schools with good academic results, they played second fiddle to John's sporting passions.

John maintained his love of cricket and tennis his whole life. Having played in a successful St Ignatius 1st eleven, he played first grade for Roseville Cricket club, holding a partnership batting record that was only broken recently. He was also chosen in the Club's top 11 players of the century. Moving to Canberra, he played first grade and was chosen to play in the Prime Minister's XI against India, which was sadly rained out. Moving to Yass, he continued to play cricket and then after retiring as a player, coached his grandsons' team into his 80s.

John joined the Australian Taxation Office after finishing school and worked in the Sydney CBD office. He married Jill in January 1967 and their first child, Melanie, was born two years later. In 1971 John transferred to the ATO's National Office in Parkes, ACT and they all moved to a small property south of Queanbeyan. Their son Christopher was born in Canberra in 1973.

John led major projects for the ATO, resulting in him being awarded the Public Service Australia Day medal in 2001. He retired on 7 December of that year.

After this, he joined Jill in running their picturesque property overlooking the Murrumbidgee River at Good Hope just out of Yass. While Jill ran sheep and cattle, John needed his own venture and planted grapevines at the property. An active vineyard operation continued for approximately 20 years.

Throughout John's life, his greatest enjoyment was to spend time with people. John and his friends played tennis every week, from his ATO days until late last year. Always known to love a social gathering and be the life of the party, John always looked forward to the next social event. His instructions for today were simple, "*invite everyone and celebrate my life, I had a wonderful time*".

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC AT ENTRY

*You Raise Me Up* – Josh Groban

## WELCOME

Celebrant

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Peter Robinson – Introduction

Peter Leckie & Peter White

John Powell

Yeu Lee & Graham Infield

## READING

Melanie Doyle – *The Final Word*

## TIME OF REFLECTION

Celebrant

Photo reflection

*Every Breath You Take* – The Police

*What a Wonderful World* – Louis Armstrong

## WORDS OF COMMITTAL

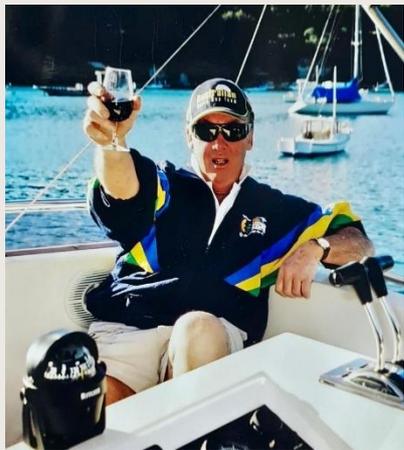
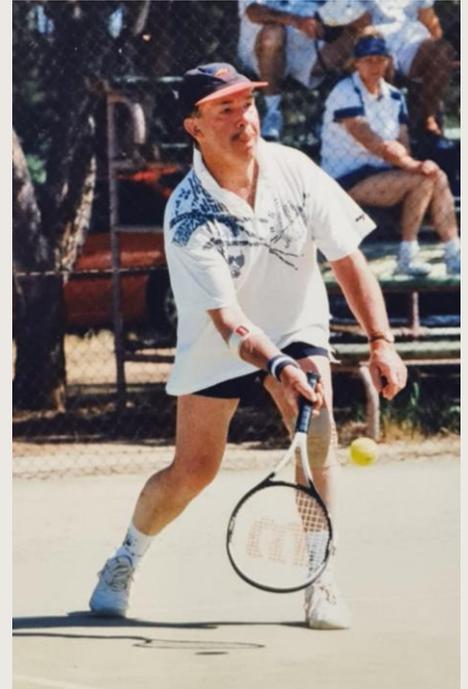
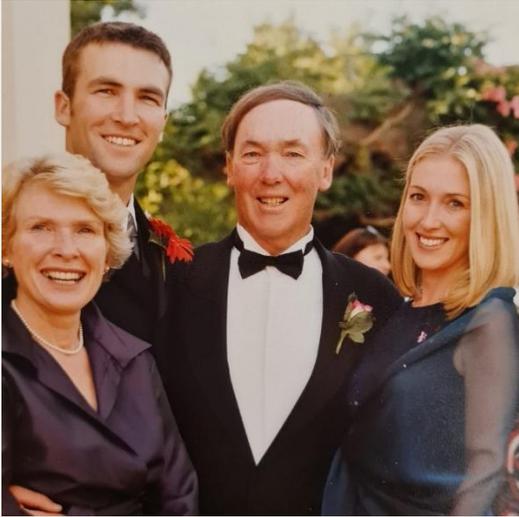
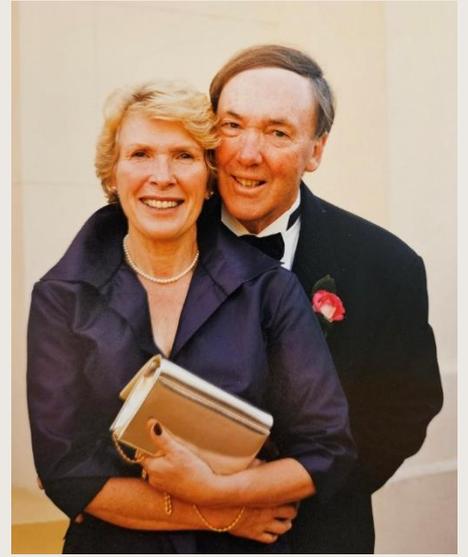
*Every Time You Cry* – John Farnham with Human Nature

## CLOSING WORDS

Celebrant

## EXIT MUSIC

*Unforgettable* – Nat King Cole



THANK YOU



John's family thank you for your presence today, and the many expressions of love and support they have received.