

Yvonne Edna Coorey

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| Born | 8 th June 1934 |
| Education | Intermediate Certificate. Adelong Central School Business Management |
| Family | Married to Alfred for 50 years Son Michael, married to Deanna, Grandchildren Claire and Timothy |



Yvonne grew up in Adelong, NSW, the youngest daughter in a family of 10 children. The family business was a large Ladies' Fashion and General Store. Yvonne and her family worshipped at St Paul's Anglican Church, where she became a Sunday School teacher, and Social Secretary of Young Anglicans, which led her to undertake a Leadership Course in Canberra under Archbishop Clements. After leaving school Yvonne helped manage the business, and especially enjoyed the duties of buying stock for the Ladies Fashion Department. It was on a buying trip to Sydney that she met her husband, Alfred Coorey.

After her marriage to Alfred in 1958, Yvonne moved to Sydney, where they continued in business and settled in Strathfield. Yvonne became active in the local Anglican church, St Andrews, where she has served as Honorary Secretary, Parish Council member, Licensed Lay Reader, and President of the Ladies' Fellowship. Yvonne has taught Scripture at North Strathfield School for more than 40 years and enjoyed nursing home and hospital visiting. The church prayer group was held in their home for many years, with the encouragement and support of Alfred, who was the long-term Rector's Warden at St Andrews. They were Counsellors for the Billy Graham Crusade in 1979 and Area Co-ordinators for the Leighton-Ford Crusade.

Yvonne became involved with Australian Church Women at the Branch level in the late 1970s and is the President of the Burwood/Concord/Strathfield Branch, and represents the Anglican Church on the ACW State Council. She is also a member of Mothers Union at St Thomas' Enfield.

Over the years Yvonne has undertaken a number of courses through St Andrews Anglican Church in Strathfield, including Pastoral Care, Bereavement Counselling and Counselling of the Elderly. She has recently been active in starting a group called 'Grief Share' to help the bereaved journey from mourning to joy. Yvonne has mentored many younger women by presenting Alpha Courses to different groups.

Yvonne enjoys time with her son Michael and his family, as well as being available for her many nieces, nephews and friends. In her spare time she enjoys oil painting and craft.