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### **PROMOTED TO GLORY**

**Major Judith Douglas**

27 December 1941 – 25 February 2023

Major Judith Douglas was Promoted to Glory on Saturday 25 February 2023. Judith aged 81 years of age entered her eternal reward, walking home with Jesus after faithfully serving of 61 years, 1 months, 20 days in Officership.

Our love and prayers along with our heartfelt sympathy covers and surrounds Major Robert (Bob), Jeffrey, Bruce, Paul and Earle, their respective partners and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*The Master said to Judith, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.  
You have been faithful ..... Enter into the joy of your master.'* Matthew 25:23

### **The Life of Judith (Judi) May Douglas (nee Mclver)**

Judith Mclver was born at Kempsey District Hospital on 27 December 1941. Her parents were John Brown Mclver and Vera May Mclver, and they were dairy farmers at Collombatti, north of Kempsey. Judith spent her first 12 years on the farm and attended Collombatti State school. Judith was the second eldest, having had two sisters – Dorothy and Rose; and three brothers – John (Dal), Robert, and Edward who died at birth.

At about the age of 18, Judith received a call to become a Salvation Army Officer (Minister) and at aged 19 she entered The Salvation Army Training College from her home Corps in Macksville NSW on 7 March 1961 as a cadet in the "Soldiers of Christ" Session. Following her commissioning on 7 January 1963 Judith was appointed to ministry at Riverview Training Farm and then to The Training College Sydney in February 1964 where she served until 1965.

Judith then married to Lieutenant Robert (Bob) Douglas at Kempsey and after a week's honeymoon at Crescent Head, they returned to Sydney to their new appointment as officers in charge of the Glebe Corps. Following 12 months they were transferred to Narwee in Sydney as the officers in charge. Their first son, Jeffrey (Jeff), was born at the SAS Bethesda Maternity Hospital. After two years at Narwee, they were appointed to Wellington, NSW. Bruce was born there. Two years later, they were transferred to Katoomba NSW and a third son, Paul, was born at the Katoomba District Hospital.

Judith and Bob were then appointed to Ballina Corps of the Salvation Army. Then appointed to Goulburn's Boys. After six months they were appointed to Pacific Lodge, Dee Why, Sydney, then Judith and Bob received an appointment to be the officers at East Maitland, NSW. Their fourth son Earle was born at the SAS Hillcrest Maternity Hospital, Newcastle. Judith and Bob then received a new appointment to the neighbouring Corps at Shortland in Newcastle. Other appointments were the Gap Corps, Riverview Gardens and then Judith was appointed as chaplain Mater Hospital and Mt Olivet hospitals in South Brisbane and to Royal Brisbane hospital. Due to illness Judith and Bob entered into honourable early retirement.

In 2014, Judi placed Bob into care at the Blue Care nursing home in Toowoomba. For some years after Judi had remained living by herself with their faithful dog "Miracle". However, Judi's health and mobility deteriorated, and she needed someone to live in and care for her. Their son Bruce moved in and became her

carer. Judi's health and mobility further deteriorated requiring hospital treatment for serious cancer. Her final hospitalisation came early this month (February 2023). She never returned home, but, passed away on Saturday 25 February 2023 in her ward at the St Andrew's Hospital in Toowoomba. Her son Jeff and his wife Mell were by her side when she passed. Bob and son Earle joining Jeff and Mell soon after.

The family, especially Major Bob, thank you for taking the time to remember Judi and her life. This is very much appreciated by him and his family. We will continue to remember her love and care through her years of good health and her courage in the times of bad health and disability.

A Funeral Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Judi's life will be held on:

**Date:** Friday 3 March 2023

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Location:** Burstow Funeral Chapel

1020 Ruthven St

Toowoomba, Qld 4350

Ph: (07) 4636 9600

The Live Streaming Link for Judi's Celebration of life service can be found on this website:

<https://www.burstows.com.au/client?nid=d41199b6-a740-4548-85a2-87e4aa00bd59>

Or visit the Burstow's web site, go to the tribute centre page and click on Judi's name.

You will need a pin number to watch. This is **1681**

For those who may want to contact the family during this time, please see the following contact information

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*Cheryl Carpenter (Lt Colonel)*

Retired Officers Support Secretary - Australia  
On behalf of **The Secretary for Personnel**