Born in England, Gerald came with his parents to New Zealand at six years of age. Gerald loved life and was a thoughtful, kind husband and friend to Rosemarie. They had two sons Ian [Knapman-Smith] and Adrian [Smith].

Gerald’s journey through his short life led him from Gisborne where he went to school, to Auckland and Palmerston North for work before venturing on his own to Australia.

Through love of creating dishes in the kitchen, he worked in restaurants and then finally as chef for Meals on Wheels in Brisbane which became his final journey. Gerald was President of the Queensland Historical Railway and his ashes were buried under a tree at Rosewood for his son Adrian to visit.

It is with fitting memory we now plant a Kahikatea here at CUE Haven in the native bush of Lisa’s Wish Grove, named after his daughter-in-law, for his New Zealand family to visit.