

## JOYCE (ZOBEL) MCKENZIE-STARICK



1968 Joyce Zobel

Joyce Zobel served in Western Highlands/Enga Province from 1968-1970 at Immanuel Lutheran hospital, Mambisanda as Hospital Secretary, where she lived with Helen Jenke (now Walter) and Judy Faber, and at Irelya from 1972-1973 in the Business Office with Dennis Feist.

Joyce spent some time working in Seattle, Washington before returning to Wabag to marry Murray McKenzie, *didiman* at Wabag, and continue

to live and work at Aitape in the Sepik and Popondetta in Oro Province with PNG Government.

The couple moved to New Zealand in 1978 and lived on a sheep and deer farm until Murray died in 1992. Joyce then worked as Manager of Community Health Services/rest Home in Lawrence and then for a number of years in Dunedin with a not-for-profit social service organisation, Presbyterian Support Otago.

In 2018 the paths of Trevor Starick and Joyce crossed again, having been acquainted in PNG over 50 years previously. They married and currently live in retirement between Mildura Victoria, Australia and Dunedin, New Zealand



Joyce and Trevor Starick

### Joyce (Zobel) Starick – a memorable story

Easter 1968, a small group of single staff trekked to Tarua, Jack and Darlene Geach's station. We drove along the Kompiam road, enlisted carriers and had cargo carried across a swinging bridge over a river and trekked to their home. It was Easter and we celebrated an outdoor Enga communion worship service using a 44 gallon drum as an altar for the elements. (Sue, Dennis, Trevor, Linda, Connie, Pat, Barbara, Paul, Helen and Joyce)



Expedition across swing bridge to Tarua 1968



Communion at Tarua with Jack Geach