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**VALE: Mrs. EFFIE MARTIN.**

It is with great sadness that we at ARAIA inform members of the passing of Mrs. Effie Martin (nee O'Hearn) peacefully on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and two grand children.

We extend our condolences to the family.

**Matthew 5:4 - Blessed** are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

We have just received notification of the funeral, details below.

The funeral will be held on

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 11 am.  
St. Jude's Church  
106 Avoca Street, Randwick



Cemetery:  
Catholic Lawn Cemetery  
230/260 Western road, Kemps Creek NSW 2178

Light refreshments at St. Jude's Hall.  
106 Avoca Street, Randwick

**The family has requested that instead of flowers donations may be given for the children she helped maintain as President of the Home Missionary Society of India, Sydney Auxiliary.**

You are invited to attend the funeral and wake.

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Effie was born in Royapuram, Madras on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1932. She went to School in Lucknow and graduated as a Nurse. A passionate Christian, she was a pillar of the St. Jude's Church, Randwick and Voluntary worker with the little sisters of the poor.

Married to Ian Martin, a Senior Military Officer in the 14<sup>th</sup> Indian Regiment was in action in the Second World War. The regiment helped hold the Japanese advancement in Burma and eventually drove them out from Burma, Malaysia and Thailand.

They settled in Australia in 1971.

Effie is the Third generation of an Anglo Indian Evangelist Dr. Eva D'Prazier who founded the Anglo-Indian Women's Home Missionary Society in 1905, later renamed the Home Missionary Society of India (HMSI) to enlist men into the Society.

HMSI had 35 auxiliaries from Darjeeling to Colombo and from Karachi to Rangoon. Today there are Six Auxiliaries left in Bangalore, Madras, Nilgiri's and Sydney, Australia. The society owns a School and Boarding home for girls called "Mountain Home School" in Coonoor, and their objective is the boarding and Schooling of Anglo Indian girls.

She took over as President of the Sydney Auxiliary in the late Nineties and worked towards the building and the security of the Auxiliary. Today the Auxiliary cares for and oversees 24 children.