



Grandparents and the Elderly World Day

As parents of two teenage girls, we will never underestimate the positive influence their grandparents have had on their lives. Our girls are fortunate to have five grandparents and this includes their Great Nana Fay. We have loved and lost our great Poppy Clarrie, who we still remember and talk about with smiles on our faces.

The girls grandparents provide them with life experience, guidance and advice. They are there for every important occasion in their lives. We celebrate birthdays, Christmas, sacramental occasions, Mother's Day, Father's Day together or even a get together for no particular reason. They are cheering the girls on from the sidelines in their sports and various activities and they are always interested in their education, work and friends. They are partners in their faith and I know there are constant prayers for all their grandchildren.

As parents we also rely on our parents to help raise the girls. Grandparents provide the time and patience that sometimes we are not always able to. They are our back up for child care, pick ups, drop offs, sports runs, work runs, and more. COVID-19 has been difficult as we are not able to drop in for a visit or get together. As the restrictions continue we realise how important these times are to us.

We are very grateful to have these special people in our lives and know how privileged we are to have the wisdom, love and guidance of those who have raised their own children and now provide so many of their gifts to our children.

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