

## Winifred Joy Crumpton 1946-1991

Joy was born in Greymouth on 10 April 1946 and enjoyed an active lifelong interest in science, art and music. She received very high marks in the School Certificate Examination which surprised her for she did very little set homework, preferring to work on projects that interested her more than school work. Joy was a loner at school and something of a rebel. At 17, she left the West Coast for the University of Canterbury, graduating B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Zoology in 1968. She then began studies on dragonflies, and was later joined by 5 people with the same interest, including P. S. Corbet, R. J. Rowe and K. J. Deacon. Joy gave up academia in the early 1970s but published 4 papers on her damselfly work. She then travelled about New Zealand, painting in water colours and preparing work for secondary schools. She also assembled a hymnbook for the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand. Her temporary lodgings were always full of lightness and delicacy, pot-plants, drawings and electronic gadgets. There was usually a piano on which she would perform, especially Mozart, Couperin and Chopin rather well: I can still hear her playing Mozart's sonata K545 with great clarity and precision.

I first met Joy at the Otago Museum in the 1970s. In 1980, she came from Christchurch to Trotter's Gorge to help me run a very successful University Extension course on aquatic insects held in conjunction with the Friends of Trotter's Gorge. Small, courageous and eccentric, Joy proved a reliable friend. In 1989 she contracted cancer but even as it spread, she worked at electronics, helping people, gardening, drawing and writing poetry. As her physical condition deteriorated she found that there was a shortage of suitable accommodation for someone in her condition. One of her final achievements was the establishment of the Joy Crumpton Housing Trust for the Terminally Ill.

Joy described 1 new species, *Hirmocystis pterygospora*, Crumpton 1974, (Gregarinoidea: Didymophyidae).

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