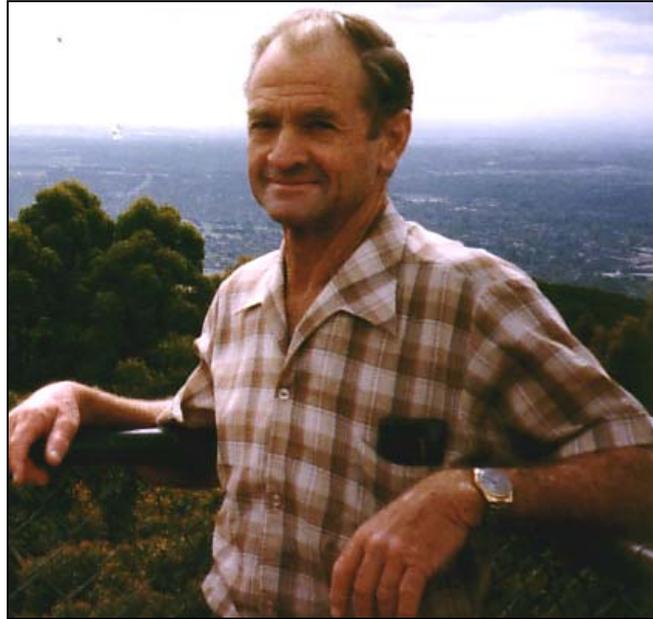


## Eric James McCudden



*After a lifetime as a Dairyman and Cattle breeder Eric James McCudden died at Kempsey Hospital on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1991 after a battle with colon cancer.*

*Born in Kempsey, 26 September 1928 to the late Edward James (Walter) McCudden and Marie (Campbell) the youngest of 8 children, the parents having moved to the Macleay from the Nambucca the previous year. Eric attended Mungay Creek School to primary then by correspondence to Intermediate.*

*Travelling by foot, horse or sulky he left school to help on the family property. Eric lost his dad to cancer in 1942 he was then 13 but his mum lived a long and fulfilling life she died in 1978 aged 94. Eric was married in 1951 to Rita Milligan of Kempsey and then continued to work the family property producing top quality cream to Tookookia Butter Factory then to the Macleay River Co-Op. In 1972 Eric moved into breeding and fattening Hereford cattle at home on his upper Belmore River Property. In 1964 Eric developed type 1 Diabetes, he supported both local and state Diabetes organisations. Also, a supporter of St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Church, Upper and Lower Macleay Rodeo Committees and Vincent Court Retirement Villa.*

*In 1981 the Property at Mungay Creek was sold, the family moving to Ahdavidhn to reside but Eric still retained his beef cattle interests. In his earlier years Eric was an Amateur boxer, Social Tennis player, Rodeo competitor and Rugby league follower but always a keen ballroom dancer. When in his teens to go dancing he travelled many miles by horseback returning in the dark just in time to begin the morning milking.*

*In 1990 Eric was diagnosed with colon cancer, after surgery his prognosis was good, but the cancer returned in December that year.*

*He is survived by his Wife, 3 Daughters, 3 Sons-in-laws and 9 Grandchildren. Eric was a man of great faith, honest, and was always generous with time, money and friendly advise to family, friends, neighbors and strangers.*

*Always a devoted husband and a caring, loving and proud Dad to his family.*