

**Dr. Josie L. Pyle MB BS
1964-2009**



It is with profound regret that we advise the loss of our long-time member, Josie Pyle, who passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 14th.

Although not active in Society administration in the last few years, Josie will be remembered by many members in her roles of Vice President, Secretary and Editor in the 1990s and early 2000s; and as President of the now defunct Softbill, Dove & Quail Branch.

In addition to her avicultural interests Josie was a keen ornithologist and an active member of both the NPWS Captive Fauna Reference Group, of which she was Deputy Chair, and the South Australian Exotic Bird Advisory Committee.

Josie's passion for Quail (always pronounced "Quell") and the Pigeon and Dove families was unbounded. Her passing leaves a large hole in the ranks of enthusiasts for these two often neglected aspects of aviculture.

The cover plate of a Black-breasted Buttonquail, one of Josie's favourite species, is dedicated to her memory.

We offer her mother, brother and Tim our sincere sympathy.

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