

Eulogy Sr Theresa Lotter (05 Feb 1970 – 07 June 2021)



Regretfully the Covid-19 pandemic has claimed yet another valued member of our profession. Moreover, it claimed a loving mother, wife, sister, friend and colleague. From the onset in her professional life it was clear that she was destined to become remarkable and a cut above the rest. She had an innate quest for excellence, perfection, order and direction. This quest steered her on a path that meandered through all the disciplines of our profession. Her contributions were vast. She left intelligible marks in private practice, education, nurses association, veterinary council, animal welfare, ethics, research facilities and other regulatory bodies. Through following this full and busy life, she had morphed herself into a formidable asset to her colleagues and the profession. Theresa valued her independence. I take solace knowing that she spent the last years of her professional life doing what she loved most, creating order where there is none, providing guidance when it was most needed and being part of solutions for challenges faced by others. Her undeniable competence and wide set of skills were recognised by many and opened a myriad of doors to do what she loved most, to serve. Inevitably, at various points in her life, she was placed in positions of authority. She held these positions respectfully and with an empathy that compelled her to always choose a remedial approach above a punitive one. To her many peers she was a solid pillar of support and wise guidance. To the less experienced she was a mentor and great teacher. She will be sorely missed by all that were fortunate enough to have crossed her many paths. One of her most outstanding qualities was that she observed a sacrificing narrative leading her to serve rather than **earn**.

Theresa, you have **earned** the utmost accolade in our profession as one of our greatest ambassadors!

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