

**Ronald Victor and Doris Cecilia Stark**

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**Couple make final journey home**

AN ISLAND couple have returned posthumously to their spiritual home on the IW, nearly 50 years after leaving for a life down under.

Ronald Victor Stark, born at Newport, and Doris Cecilia Stark, born at Hendon, had their ashes interred at Carisbrooke Cemetery, at Mount Joy, on Tuesday after dying in New Zealand.

The Stark family believes it can trace its Island heritage back to the 1600s, when they moved to the IW to become millers.

In 1803, they settled at the St Cross Dairy and Upper St Cross farms, Dodnor.

It was there Ronald Stark met his wife, Doris, when she moved to the Island during the Second World War as a land girl.

The couple married in 1946 at St Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, and had four children.

In 1966, they swapped the Island for Australia and later New Zealand, in the hope they would be able to provide a better life for their children.

In 2007, Ronald died, followed by Doris four years later.

Their last request was to be interred at Carisbrooke Cemetery, alongside at least 14 ancestors. This was achieved on Tuesday, when the couple were laid to rest.

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