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Sadly, we again have to report a loss of a very fine and popular member of our community. It is testament to the late Keith Carter and his family that there was an over flow crowd at his memorial service, everyone there to honour Keith and his contribution to our community.

Vale Keith Carter.

One of his children wrote the following poem and it was read by one of his grandchildren at the service. It speaks volumes about a dairy man.

KEITH CARTER

"Pa"

3.3.1927 - 7.7.2004

For as long as can be remembered,
twice a day, timed by the sun's ebb and flow,
The rhythmic pulse of rubber on plate,
set an unerring blow,
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

Figure hunched, rump exposed, well worn
shirt shoulder mattered with hair,
Mumbling instructions "strap that one, son,
she kicks;" "Watch out take care";
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

One wonders at the marvel of the man,
"This is Jessie, there is Bettsie, that one's
Crystal out of Dane";
"Why do you ask Jeff, uh, Chris...I mean Shane";
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

Cattle arrive, uncalled, first the bossy red,
Last the timid one, with the black head,
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

Morning breaks, rain hanging heavy,
cold and miserable, son's drag on boot's....late,
Udders caked in cattle yard muck, mastitis
here and low butter fat, oh what a state,
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

It's off to the sale yard, dubious news, in a flash,
Did you know this or what about that,
everyone giving their ears a bash,
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

Through floods and storms, heaving hay
and shovelling grain,
Midnight calving and feeling the strain,
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

A son sorry for things that have
been left unsaid,
Thankful for the moments spent together
instead,
And the pulse of the machine goes....
.....Thump,.....Wack,.....Wack

The long days draw to a close,
the sun sets low,
Clouds build and the wind fails to blow
And the pulse of the machine.....
.....Stopped.....Thump
.....and the sale yard knew.

Your Loving Son,

*I know that the entire community joins with us
in sending our condolences and love to all in
our wonderful community who have suffered a
bereavement.*

Rick Gainford for the Editorial Board.

Vale - Keith Carter

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your coverage of the Berry Spinners & Weavers Inc Exhibition and Sale held over the weekend of 3/4th July. We had a very successful weekend, as did all of Berry from the amount of people enjoying our beautiful town.

Would you be able to publish the winning tickets of our Lucky Prize please.

A substantial amount of money raised is to be donated to the David Berry Hospital.

1st Alpaca Shawl Ticket Black C38 **C Talbot**
2nd Alpaca Shawl Ticket Blue A27 **B Wyles**
3rd Alpaca Knee Rug Ticket Black C51
M Hutchings.

Thank you
Maree Watson, Secretary

Editor'S Note: *Congratulations on a very successful and beautiful exhibition at the Berry Court House. It was our pleasure to assist all the volunteers involved. Thank you!*

St Vincent de Paul Society

B E R R Y

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Doorknock between Saturday, 21 August and Sunday, 29 August.

If anyone is willing to assist in the Doorknock in the Berry area for around 2 hours on any one day, would you please contact Noreen on 4448 6217.

