

## JOY OLIVE EDRIE HASTWELL

Joy passed away peacefully on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004, at 8.50pm at St Aidens Nursing Home. We would like to thank all the wonderful people there who have cared so well for Joy with so much loving care and tenderness.

Joy and her twin sister Daphne were born in Brompton South Australia on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1922 to Albert and Gladys Hastwell, just 56 days after their father had suddenly passed away from a relapse of pneumonia. Their children, Collin, Doreen and Pearl and the twins were then cared for by Gladys and her two sisters Olive and Edrie.

Joybells, as we affectionately knew her, was the smallest of the twins, and it was feared that she was too tiny to survive, in those days before antibiotics were invented. But she was to prove herself quite a tough little survivor, and Mother was determined to raise both of her twins, which she did very successfully!

Mother married Jesse Carlton in 1925 and they were a complete family again. In 1928 after Beryl was born they moved to Melbourne and settled in Thornbury. Kevin arrived in 1929, and was born in the family home at 22 Collins Street. Pearl had stayed in Adelaide, in the care of Auntie Edrie and Uncle Justice, who loved her dearly, and could not bear to be away from her. They had no other children.

The children all attended school in Thornbury, Joy worked at Nelsons Hardware as a young teenager, then at Prestige Hosiery, and Holeproof, and stayed in the textile industry for the rest of her working life.

Joy had many interests, and for many years knitted fair- isle pullovers, jumpers, and well made clothing for nieces and nephews and other family members. Joy liked to sew, making aprons, and skirts and blouses for herself, Daphne, and Mum, and quite a lot for charity.

Joy and Daphne took up carpentry, and made all of the wardrobes and shelving in the house themselves. All of this had to be done wearing white work gloves, as their hands always had to be kept soft and supple for their work in the hosiery industry.

A keen animal lover, Joy loved to have a bet on the race-horses, and was often a winner. This interest was shared by Dad Carlton who had escorted Joy to the races on many occasions. Joy has spoken of these enjoyable outings to me many times over the years.

Joy loved to play sport, and was a very good at netball, which she played for many years. Dot Middleton, (or Barlow) fostered this sport with Joy, but Daphne preferred to watch.

Joy enjoyed painting the many garden gnomes which decorated the back garden. Each ornament had to always be in its own designated place, and must never be moved from where Joy had placed it.

Inside the family home everything had a place of its own, and was always neat and tidy. This was Joy, and every corner was unique in character. Every picture hanging in just the right spot.

For many years Joy loved to spend holidays at the beach at Rosebud camping ground with Daphne, and Joan Lambert and her family. These were very happy times for them all, and many Christmases and Easters were enjoyed there.

Most people from Thornbury came to know the twins on their Lambretta scooters, then in their first green Holden, and finally in the Kingswood, which they sold only four years ago.

Joy loved to have a chocolate every night while watching television, and this became a lifetime habit. Her wish today is for us to enjoy some chocolate and celebrate her life this way.

Rest easy Joy, God bless and keep you, we'll always remember you.