

## **RESEARCH NOTES – ROBERT WILLIAM (BILL) CLARK**

### **2 APR 1920 BIRTH**

Robert William Clark was born at Mypolonga 2 April 1920 to Herbert Hinde Clark and Ruby Gladys Clark (nee Moore).

He was known all his life only as "Bill" except for one teacher and one aunt who called him "Bob".

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### **27 JUN 1920 BAPTISM**

Source: Original copy from Register of Baptisms held in the Parish of St John the Baptist, Murray Bridge (pg.87)

Date: June 27 1920

Child's name: Robert William

Born: April 2, 1920

Father's name: Herbert Hinde Clark

Mother's name: Ruby Gladys Clark

Abode: Mypolonga

Trade: Dairy Farmer

Signed by W. A. ?erry (Priest)

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### **7 DEC 1934 CONFIRMATION**

Source: Original "Diocese of Adelaide Confirmation Certificate" dated 7 Dec 1934 held by Wendy Baker

Name: Robert William Clark

Confirmed in: Church of St John the Baptist, Murray Bridge Church on 7 Dec 1934 by A. Nutter, Adelaide.

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### **1935 - ATTENDED THEBARTON BOYS' TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Bill left Mypolonga and boarded in the metropolitan area while he attended secondary school for only two terms before he was offered employment in cabinet making which he accepted. In both terms, he topped the class of 39 students.

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### **1938 - SCHOOL OF MINES**

Bill completed at night school 'Course of Instruction in Cabinet-making' at the School of Mines and was issued a certificate signed by J. Langdon Bonython 3 January 1939. Over a period of years before his marriage he also studied other subjects such as wireless technology and electrics.

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### **25 APR 1939 MET PEARL AILEEN HASTWELL**

On a wet Anzac Day in 1939 Bill met his future wife while roller-skating at Our Boys' Institute, Adelaide.

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### **1941 COMMENCED EMPLOYMENT AT SMALLS PTY LTD (Furniture Manufacturers)**

During the years of WWII the company changed from furniture manufacture to munitions boxes. Bill and Pearl's bedroom suite was the last order fulfilled before the changeover.

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### **NOV 1975 RETIREMENT FROM SMALLS PTY LTD (Furniture Manufacturers)**

This was a forced retirement due to closure of the company. At this time Bill became full-time carer for his wife Pearl.

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15 JAN 1994 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Source: Newspaper clipping (Advertiser, Adelaide) held by Wendy Baker

"CLARK - HASTWELL - Bill and Pearl. Solemnised January 15th, 1944, Plympton Methodist Church. Congratulations on your Golden Mum and Dad, from Wendy, John, Mark, Valerie and Lyndell, John and Terri."

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1 OCT 1995 DEATH

Source: Newspaper clipping (Advertiser, Adelaide) held by Wendy Baker

The Advertiser, Tuesday 3 Oct 1995

"DEATHS

CLARK, Robert William (Bill) - Passed away suddenly on Sunday October 1, 1995. A wonderful husband and helpmate for 52 years. Will remember you for ever. Your loving wife Pearl. Loving and so very much loved father of Wendy and son-in-law John, beloved granpa of Mark and Valerie. For ever in our hearts.

Our dad and granpa, We loved you so much. Never to be forgotten. Lyndell, John, Terri."

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3 OCT 1995 FUNERAL NOTICE

Source: Newspaper clipping (Advertiser, Adelaide) held by Wendy Baker

The Advertiser, 3 Oct 1995

"FUNERAL NOTICE

CLARK - THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of the late BILL are invited to attend his Funeral Service, to be held at Simplicity Chapel, 747 South Road, Black Forest, on THURSDAY, October 5, 1995, at 11.30 a.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Blind Welfare Association. SIMPLICITY FUNERALS Black Forest 297 9555 Member AFDA."

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\*Wendy's note: Bill died during emergency surgery at Royal Adelaide Hospital after an abdominal aneurysm on Sunday morning 1 Oct and was cremated on Thursday 05 Oct at 11.30 am by Simplicity Funerals. His ashes are in the Columbarium at Centennial Park Cemetery, Panorama SA.

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1 OCT 1996 IN MEMORIAM

Source: Newspaper clipping (Advertiser, Adelaide) held by Wendy Baker

"CLARK, Robert William (Bill) - My beloved husband who died suddenly, October 1, 1995. I will love and remember him always - Pearl."

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