



**Marjorie Helen Payne (nee McKenzie)
26 July 1922 to 7 July 2016**

This is the story of Marjorie as told by her eldest son and eldest daughter with a little help from the family.

Marjorie Helen McKenzie was born on 26 July 1922 in Neutral Bay, Sydney.

Marjorie died peacefully on 7 July 2016 at Cottage Homes in Tamworth aged 93 ^{11/12} (very nearly 94). Marjorie is one of the longest living of the recent generations.

(Marjorie's great grandmother, Lucy Mileham Howell died at 97 years)



Marjorie was born Marjorie Helen McKenzie, her mother was Georgina Marjorie McKenzie, (nee Wild) and her father was Gordon Bell McKenzie.



Georgina is a descendent from a line of prominent new arrivals to New South Wales early in the settlement including John Henry Wild, William Littleton Gaudry, Rowland Hassell, James Mileham and the convicts, Henry and Susanna Kable (or Cable) who arrived on the First Fleet in January 1788.

**Gran and Papa
(Georgina and Gordon)**

Gordon came from Scottish heritage with the family first arriving in New Zealand from Scotland. Gordon enlisted in the forces in the 1st World War and served in Gallipoli where he was badly wounded in the right eye. (He never talked about his experiences)

Marjorie was the eldest child and Richard (Dick) was her younger brother Dick also served, this time in the second world war flying in the Lancaster Bombers over Europe.



Marjorie and Dick

The family lived at 25 (previously 29) Lamette Street in Chatswood just north of the creek, and of interest is we have memories of their phone number - JY1825.

Marjorie went to Willoughby Girls Home Science School travelling by tram from the top of the street in Victoria Avenue.



**McKenzie Family
Dick, Marjorie, Gran and Papa**



After leaving school, Marjorie went on to work at the Commonwealth Bank as a typist. She met her future husband, Stanley in 1940. Stanley worked nearby at the bicycle manufacturer Bennett and Barkell as a credit clerk.

Stanley served in World War 2 as a Warrant Officer II – 18 Field Regiment RAA in Western Australia.

Marjorie went on to marry Stanley at St Peters Neutral Bay on 29 January 1944.

Marriage in those days, even during war time meant, that Marjorie had to leave working in the Commonwealth Bank.



Wedding Day 29 January 1944



The couple honeymooned in Newcastle, a popular location in those days.

A rare event seeing Marg on the beach

Initially Stanley and Marjorie lived with her parents at Lamette Street Chatswood with little Jimmy and then moved to Collaroy Beach living in a renting timber house at 5 Fielding Street.

Later Stanley and Marjorie moved to Calder Street, Dee Why (either No 8 or 10) and then eventually establishing the family home in 1950 at 15 Riverview Parade in North Manly, sometimes called Queenscliff and sometimes called Harbord.

It was in Riverview Parade that the family grew up in and the children shared the street with the neighbourhood kids, riding bikes and swimming in the local lagoon whilst being within walking distance to both Queenscliff and Freshwater Beaches.

Initially the family lived in the garage which was divided up into a bedroom and living area which was common in that period. As kids, we had memories of the ice man calling to deliver ice for the ice cooler, bread and milk being delivered and the dunny man carrying that black pan.



Stan and the house he built for the family - North Manly

In 1991 Stan and Marg moved to Tamworth living at 10 Allawah Street South Tamworth where they met new people and experienced country life, which Stan preferred compared to life in the big smoke.



The Allawah Street Tamworth

In the earlier years Marjorie focused on raising the family, initially three and then four.

It was during this time Marjorie participated in School canteen, and the mothers club being President of the Manly Primary School Mothers Club at one stage.

Marjorie participated in sewing and knitting, making many of the kids clothes using her sewing and knitting machines. We eldest kids can always remember those silver swimming costumes made especially for us. Yuk!

Marjorie also had a keen interest in Gardening and kept a record book of the plants in the garden a useful record for us all.

Tennis was the game in the in the earlier days with a little golf thrown in, followed by bowls and later with Stan, many happy hours spent at the Manly Vale Bowling Club testing out the poker machines.

Marjorie also was an avid cryptic crossword player and excellent at scrabble up until she reached the age of 90 when her memory started failing.



Marg and Stan in younger years

Stan passed away in 2005 at age 84 years. Marjorie at this stage, moved to the Easy Living Village in West Tamworth and then in 2014 when the joints seized up, move to Cottage Homes in Kitchener Street Tamworth where she had excellent accommodation and was well looked after.



Lyn, Judy, Ken, Jim

Marjorie and Stan had four children; James, born in 1945, Judy born in 1947, Lyn arrived in 1950 and Ken came along in 1958.

James went on to study Engineering, Judy Nursing, Lyn clerical work and Ken went into Horticulture.

Altogether, Marjorie has 11 grandchildren: Debbie, Peter, Scott, Libby, Nick, Sasha, Chenelle, Ashleigh, Maya, Julia and Olivia and currently 16 great grandchildren.

On the 29 January 2004, Stan and Marjorie celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. There was the party, and there were letters of congratulation from the Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffery, The Prime Minister, John Howard, the Premier, Bob Carr the Federal member, Tony Windsor, State member, Peter Draper and most importantly Elizabeth R herself.

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Marjorie and Stanley January 2004