



Happy 100th Birthday Nan (Beatrice)Nance

This document was lovingly compiled by Nan's niece, Anita Davidson on January 2024

Beatrice Naomi Moore (Nee) Miller more commonly now known as Nance or Nan, was the first child of Hythine (Amy) Redverse and Gordon Frederick Miller in Hindmarsh, South Australia. Born on Sunday the 4th November 1923 weighing 11 ¼ lb.

When Nance was born in her father Gordon worked for MTT Metropolitan Tramway trust.

At the time of Nance's birth George V was our Monarch, and 1923 Stanley Bruce, 1929 James Scullion were our Prime Ministers. Australia's population was 5,693,369

Most of Nance's early years were spent at her family home on Arundel Road behind her grandparents' General Store at 351 Brighton Road SA.

Nan has always been fearless and loves adventure, the photo of her on this tricycle (aged just 2 years old) is early evidence of this, and absolutely nothing has changed in 10 decades.



Photos below are from 1925, when the train going from Port Broughton to Mundra derailed Nan's father Gordon Miller was called to bus passengers to Mundra.



It would seem, that Nan has never had a fear of heights if these photos of her standing on the train runner or the bonnet of the truck are anything to go by.





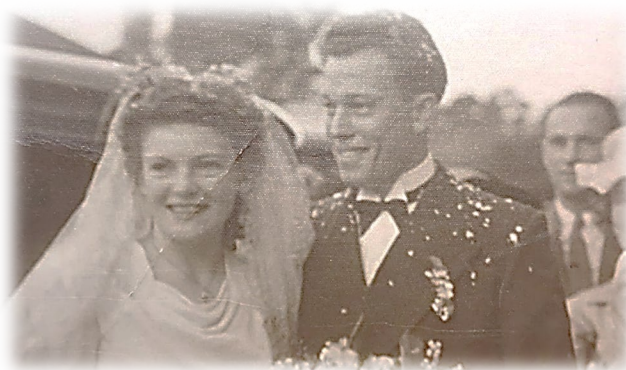
By September 1939 Australia entered the Second World War and by 1940 Nan's Father Gordon enlisted in the Army, as a Sergeant. Gordon had already fought in the First World War, where he suffered injuries and was invalided out due to Mustard Gas.

In 1941 when Nan was 18 she joined the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force(WAAAF).



When Nance was just 22 in 1945, her Father, Gordon Miller finally returned from war.

Nance married Darcy Moore a War Veteran himself at 6:00pm on November 2nd 1946 at St John's Church of England in Halifax Street.



Nan had one daughter Robyn, who had high special needs and worked at David Jones for many years. During this time Nance's brother Harold married and had 4 children (Robert, Geoffrey, Anita and Gaynor) who Nance and Darcy were frequently asked to act as locus parentis.



Once Robyn had grown up and Nance ceased working she became passionate about studying the family's genealogy. She shared this passion with her much loved cousin Hazel Finch and they both still share stories and photos at every opportunity.

For the past 50 years Nance has volunteered on many organisations including but not exclusively;

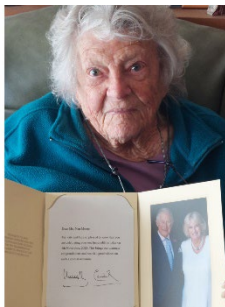
- SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society (Unley). Where Nan would catch the bus every Saturday to travel to Unley to volunteer to help people trace their family trees. This activity was impacted by COVID in 2019.

- Air Force Association – Central WAAF Branch
- Salisbury RSL
- Tea Tree Gully Legacy Ladies Club
- Salisbury Historical Society
- Salisbury Task Group for the Aging
- Department for Families and Communities
- Salisbury Council for the Again
- Salisbury Council 'Friends of the Library
- Salisbury University for the 3rd Age (U3A Inc)
- Regional Consumer Reference Group
- Salisbury Council Reference Group for the Aging
- Jack Young Centre (Nan taught a Genealogy Group every Friday until COVID stopped all contact activities. Nan was 97 years young and had COVID not intervened, would probably still be teaching this group to this day).

As recently as 2023 Nan was still taking daily walks to Aldi and to the Doctors twice a week , both are around a 2km round trip.

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All things are possible
 with love and hard work.



A small group helped celebrate Nans 100th birthday at Old Government House in Belair. Anita (Nance's Niece would like to formally thank the Friends of Old Government House for allowing the use of this wonderful venue).

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Nance celebrated her 100th birthday by going on an Assisted Bus trip with her long-time friend Jean Whyte for two weeks after her birthday.

By the time of Nan's 100th birthday, our Monarch was Charles III, our Prime Minister was Anthony Albanese and the Population of Australia was 23,111,782.

In her lifetime, Nance has seen the five Sovereigns reign;

1910 - 1936 King George V

1936 –10 December 1936 King Edward VIII (King Edward VIII abdicated)

1936 – 1952 King George VI

1952 – 2022 Queen Elizabeth II

2022 - King Charles III