

Doreen Martin 1926-2017

Doreen and her twin sister Doris were born to Laura and Bernard Vince. They lived at 4 Vine Cottages Grundisburgh. Sadly Doreen's twin died at five years just after they started school at Grundisburgh.

Doreen was lonely and so her parents took in Barnardos children Freda and Grace. They had many happy times playing in the meadows and paddling in the stream. War was declared when she was 13 and her father built an air raid shelter in the bank in the garden where they would go until the all clear was given.

At 14 Doreen went to work in service as kitchen maid at Clopton Hall for Mr and Mrs Neeps earning five shillings a week with her food provided.

An extra job was at Woodbridge canning factory, where she made many friends, one being Vera Greig who was a lifelong friend.

Doreen met Dennis through her cousin Lily who was married to Dennis's brother Cyril. They were married in 1949 and lived in a cottage in Otley owned by Stanaway Farm. She worked in the farmhouse as part payment for the rent.

In 1951 Rosemary was born and she could no longer work so they moved back to her parents, until a house came up on Orchard End. In 1953 Manny was born then in 1958 Margaret.

Doreen had three granddaughters, Laura, Zoe and Claire, whom she adored. Her passion was car boot sales where she had great pleasure in buying toys for the children. She was also a great animal lover and always had cats and dogs.

She developed dementia many years ago; Denis and the family took care of her until such time in 2005 she needed more care than they were able to provide. She went to live in Anglesey Heights nursing home where, amazingly she stayed until her death 12 ½ years later. Manny and Margaret would like to thank all who attended their mum's funeral and donated to Dementia UK. We are so pleased to have raised £270.