

FLORENCE ETHEL TURNER

14TH MARCH 1921 – 3RD DECEMBER 2013

Ethel and her husband left Bromeswell and came to live in Grundisburgh in 1952, being the second family to move into the new development in Cranworth Close. At that time four of their original ten children were still living at home – Dorothy, Stephen, Brian and Trevor. Five others had married and set up homes of their own and another son William had died in childhood.

Ethel had served in the A.T.S. during the Second World War, stationed at Halton Camp near Aylesbury, until she became pregnant with Richard. She was, however, very much a Suffolk girl and her life revolved around her home and family. When David died suddenly on the day of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding day, she could draw comfort from having her family around her – a family which grew to include sixteen grandchildren and more great grandchildren 'than can be counted'! Trevor remembers great Christmas parties when the whole family descended on Cranworth Close.

Ethel remained an energetic and independent housewife, being famous within the family and neighbourhood for frequently rearranging furniture, turning bedrooms into sitting or dining rooms and vice versa, with no help required! She thoroughly enjoyed chatting to neighbours, and when she no longer was able (or inclined) to visit the village store every day, she would be seen cleaning her front porch and windowsills, where she could be sure of greeting passersby.

Ethel spent the last few years of her life at Mountford Court in Ipswich and adjusted to the new environment very well, joining in and thoroughly enjoying the various activities and companionship of the other residents.