

Jessie Titshall - 22 January 1915 to 25 April 2014. Aged 99 years.

Jessie was born at Ipswich Road Cottage, Clopton. Third child of William and Amelia Smith. The Smith family were traditional Suffolk farm workers, mainly caring for the horses. Amelia being a tailoress.

Jessie was christened at Clopton Church and later sang in the choir, and along with her mother was always on the church cleaning and flower rota. From the age of five to fourteen years she attended Clopton School. Achieving well and passing the eleven plus. Amongst her treasures she kept very carefully a beautiful sampler that she worked at the age of twelve years. She was a proud member of Clopton Girl Guides and often recalled memories of the outings.

At the age of fourteen Jessie left school and went into service at Charsfield Hall. Remembering leaving home with her possessions in a tin box. It was here that she met Frank, love blossoming amongst the dark leafy lanes.

Jessie married Frank at Clopton Church in November 1939. No photographs were taken at the Church, but immediately afterwards the main party were taken by Soames transport to Ipswich for studio photographs, before returning to Rose Cottage, Clopton for the reception.

After the war Jessie and Frank made their home at Rose Cottage and have lived there ever since.

Daughter, Shirley became a teacher, and lives near Bury St Edmunds with husband Mike - also being married at Clopton Church.

Jessie was very proud of her Grandchildren, Victoria, Jason and her Great Grandchildren - Thomas - christened at Clopton Church - Amelia, James and Joseph. Shirley Perry (daughter).