

MAJOR DENNY THORPE

21-12-1920 to 22-5-2016

Major Denny Thorpe was born in 1920 to William (Witty) Denny Thorpe and his wife Elizabeth. He was the youngest of 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls – the last survivor. He was born at Grundisburgh Corner, before the family moved to Stoney Road in 1934. Major's mum died shortly after they moved, so he was brought up by his sister Ivy Dunnett, and the house where they lived is still in the family today.

He was called up into the Army at 19 years old, and joined the Royal Engineers. He served first in North Africa and then in Italy, where he met his wife Anna. They married in 1945, and lived in Ipswich, where their only son was born. Major worked during this time at Ransomes. After 5 years, they moved to Rome, where they had 70 years of happy marriage.

They returned to Ipswich every two years, up until about 20 years ago. His nephew (Doug Thorpe) and niece (Elizabeth Smith) last visited them 10 years ago in Rome, but they kept in regular contact with telephone calls.

Major is survived by his wife Anna, son Georgie, 2 Grandsons and 2 Great-Grandsons.