

Rosemary Helen (Bud) Mutimer 1934 – 2019

Rosemary Helen (Bud) was born on an Army base, at Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire, Scotland. Her father Hamilton was in the Black Watch and Batman to Major General Gurdon.

After both Gurdon and Hamilton were medically discharged from the Army, Major General Gurdon suggested the Ferguson family move to Burgh House with the Gurdon family. A happy childhood at Burgh House followed playing with the Gurdon children, games of tennis, swimming in Pratts Hole as well as helping themselves to Mrs Gurdon's Turkish cigarettes & having a secret puff in the sandpit.

Bud and her older sister Estella attended Grundisburgh School, both getting told off on their first day for having "fancy joined up handwriting". The school had a Young Farmers club which Bud and her friend, Babs Last, would not join. The club kept two pigs which, to their horror, were duly named Bud and Babs.

Following the arrival of brother Hammie, the family moved to a brand new house in Stoney Road.

After leaving school Bud worked in the accounts department at The Ancient House, Ipswich, and then in Grundisburgh Post Office. In later years Bud worked for the Antique Collectors Club undertaking the magazine subscriptions, continuing to work over retirement age.

Bud met Wally at a Grundisburgh Village Hall dance and they married in March 1957, at Grundisburgh Church setting up home in Maltings Lane. Daughter Tracy was born and Wally secured land in Meeting Lane and began to build the bungalow. It was after Bud mixed 14 tons of cement that she discovered she was expecting Alison.

The move to the new bungalow took place in 1968. It was heaven as it had an indoor bathroom. Bud appreciated her new home and liked to keep it spic and span.

Son-in-laws were welcomed into the family and Grandchildren began to arrive. Daniel, Adam, Amy, Jake and Livia all knew Bud as their Granma, spelt without a D as she was clear that she was a Granma, not a Grand-ma.

Family was everything to Bud, with the arrival of her first great granddaughter Florence she became Great Granma Bud and at Easter, we celebrated the birth of second great granddaughter Josephine Ella-Rose, the Rose in honour of Granma Bud.

We all have so many treasured memories of Bud, a little lady who has left a big gap in all our lives.

Written by the Family.