

## A Tribute to Yvette Gladden

### 16 August 1927 - 5 March 2009

Yvette was born in Marseille, in the South of France, in 1927.

She didn't have much of a teenage life as France was occupied by Germany. Yvette recounted some horrific stories from those terrible times.

When she left school she worked in her father's bar/restuarant.

It was there, during the final stages of the war in 1944, that she met Bill. Yvette was just 17 years old and, for both of them, it was love at first sight!!

In 1946, after the war had ended, they got married in Marseille and Bill brought his young bride to England to share his life with him in Grundisburgh. Her family were very sad to see her leave but, because they all loved Bill so much, they knew he would take great care of her.

In 1947 Yvette gave birth to their first child, Paul. It was a hair-raising taxi ride to Hartismere, through snow-bound lanes, but they got there in time for the birth. It took Yvette a long time to settle into life in the village. Having come from a big city and to suddenly find herself in the middle of the country, this was, at first, very difficult.

In 1951, their second child, Josiane, was born.

By this time, Yvette was slowly getting used to village life and was even becoming a big fan of Fish'n'Chips and Guinness -- although it never replaced her love of good wine and sherry.

Feeling more settled now, Yvette found herself a job at Woodbridge Canning Factory. She made some friends and life was good! After leaving there she also worked in a restaurant at Bentwaters Air Base. However, Bill was happier having Yvette at home as a full-time wife and mother, so that's what she did.

Being a city girl Yvette made daily trips to Ipswich to look around the shoups. Yvette loved shopping, especially for shoes. This love of shopping for shoes has been passed down to her daughter!!

Yvette, Bill and the children enjoyed many annual holidays in Marseille visiting her family. Years later Yvette and Bill also enjoyed lots of holidays in Amsterdam visiting their daughter.

Unfortunately, in 2003, Bill passed away and, from that day, Yvette of course began to suffer. She missed him so very much.

Paul, who had been living in Amsterdam and then France, returned to England to care for his father and after Bill passed away it was then Yvette who needed caring for so Paul stayed here and didn't return to France.

Paul cared for Yvette at home for a year but then, over the last 5 years when Yvette's health deteriorated she was taken into a care home where she would receive professional, round-the-clock, care.

Sadly, Yvette passed away during the very early hours of Thursday, 5 March.

Both Paul and Josiane were beside her bed as she slowly passed away, very peacefully, as of the setting of the sun.

Paul and Josiane