

The DAVIS Family

Our Grandparents **Robert & Alice Cole** (nee Walker) married in 1903 and had a dairy farm at Wootha till 1951. They had 8 children.

Mary Louisa Cole worked at McLeans Café Maleny. During this time she met **Fred** (Smokey) **Davis**. They married in 1945 and had three daughters, **Rita** (Lang), **Laraine** (Richards) and **Alison** (Munroe).

Fred was a carrier, proud of his trucks, keeping them in spotless condition, while working for Council carting equipment, gravel and water for road building. It was a difficult life, hard work all week, camped away from home and family and at weekends servicing the truck ready for work on Mondays. In dry times,

before town water, Fred carted water to households needing supply. We enjoyed going with him in the truck to pump water from the Obi River and delivering it. We missed our Dad during the week but Mary coped well and we had a happy childhood. There were lots of relations and friends who called in for a chat and cuppa. Our family treat was going to the movies at the School of Arts on Saturday nights. Even our walk to school with friends was fun.



1960 Mary & Fred Davis



23-9-1964 Fred Davis' truck

In 1961 Fred and Mary sold their Maleny property on Mary River Road, moving then to Nambour. Fred worked within Maroochy Shire and died in 1973 aged 58. Mary lived not far from her daughters and died in 1991 aged 75.



1985 Mary Davis, Alison, Laraine, Rita

- **Rita** lives in Perth near family
- **Laraine** is at Caboolture
- **Alison** is at Sunshine Coast