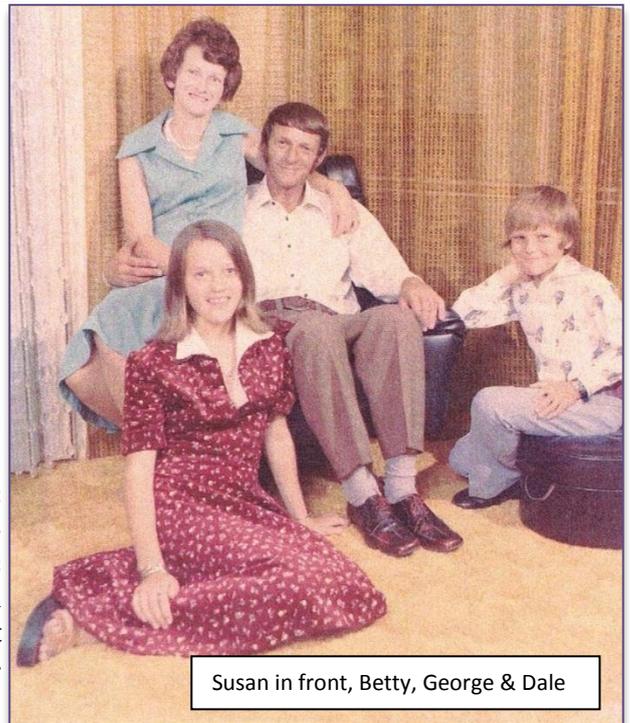


The DIEFENBACH Family

George Robert Diefenbach was born on the 16th June 1933 in Nambour. **Betty Howard** was born on the 28th March 1940 in Gympie.

The Diefenbach Family moved to Maleny in 1942. The **Howard** Family arrived at Baroon Pocket in 1940. George completed his schooling at Maleny State School. Life was helping his parents' dairy and banana farming. National Service called in 1952 and George recalls these as good months and his first pay packet. On his return he was employed by Burrows Construction Building at Maleny-Montville Road, this was followed working with brothers **Ted** and **Norm Diefenbach** with their own case mill on Witta Road. They hauled logs on blitz trucks and cut banana and pineapple cases for farmers in the Montville-Palmwoods area. The mill closed at the end of 1960.

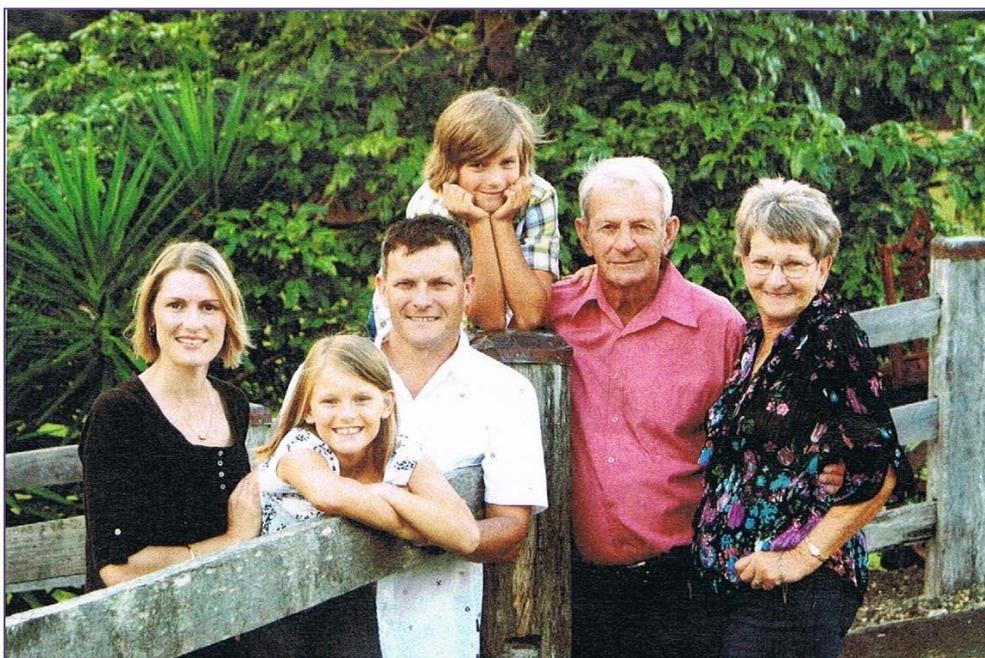


Susan in front, Betty, George & Dale

Betty attended Maleny State School from 1945-1955, riding a bike 3 miles to school. Betty helped her parents on the dairy farm before and after school. Betty was employed with P.M.G. on the telephone exchange until it went automatic in 1958. She then worked with **G.L. & E.J. Eustice** at Maleny Drapery enjoying this until the end of 1961. George and Betty enjoyed social years with friends, during the later 1950's when love blossomed, resulting in their marriage on the 6th May 1961. They were blessed with their daughter, **Susan**, on the 28th December 1963, their son **Dale Robert** on the 15th July 1966. In January 1964 they reopened Summit Café. Betty's sister, **Lois Howard**, left school to help with all the café duties. George started his 32 years employment with P.M.G. in 1964. They sold the café in December 1966 and purchased their home at 1 Miva Street.

Susan and Dale attended Maleny Kindy, Primary and High Schools. In May 1975 their daughter, Susan, was diagnosed with cancer, this was sad and difficult years for their young family. Susan and Betty spent weeks in Brisbane for treatment. This continued until sadly Susan passed away on the 8th November 1978, aged 14 years. Dale completed year 12 and worked with ANZ Bank in Brisbane, Telecom Maleny and finally the Fire Service Caloundra in 1990. He is still dedicated to this service today.

Dale met **Jodie van der Lelie** in 1993. Jodie's family (Jake, Barbara, Nicole and Vanessa) moved from their farm in Lowood, to Conondale, where they had a deer farm for many years. Jodie and Dale welcomed their children **Jacob Robert**, on the 22nd July 1999 and **Danica Kathleen** on the 15th June 2001, and were then married on the 2nd February 2002. Jodie is currently studying a Bachelor of Laws and is working as a Judge's Associate. Jacob and Danica are the Diefenbach's third generation to attend Maleny State Primary School, where Danica is the School Captain for 2013. The Diefenbach families live happily in Maleny to this day.



Left to Right: **Jodie, Danica, Dale, Jacob, George & Betty Diefenbach.**