

MARTHA ROSANNA MANITZKY  
(nee Holzheimer)

5.8.1898 - 1.1.1993

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The OBITUARY, prepared by the family

Martha Rosanna Manitzky was born on 5th August 1898 to Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Holzheimer and his wife, Christiane Wilhelmine, nee Wendt, at Bethania, as the 12th of 13 children, all of whom have pre-deceased her. She was baptized by Pastor Sultmann in the Bethania Lutheran Church.

Her education was limited, having started at the local German School. After a few years that was discontinued by Government policy, all pupils transferring to the English school.

Martha was confirmed at Bethania by Dr F. O. Theile. As was standard procedure, work was hard and constant, in the home and on the farm.

In 1916 she was employed in Brisbane as a cook in a private home for a few years. About 1920 her elder sister, Ida Nothling at Witta, needed help with her children. These children will tell of her kindness, also her deftness at sewing bonnets, etc for the little ones. There Martha met her future husband, August Ludwig Manitzky, who often visited, with his violin for musical evenings, accompanied by Ben Nothling on the piano.

Martha and August were married in the Bethania Lutheran Church on 12th July, 1923. They lived at Witta on the farm until the end of 1949, when they retired to Caloundra. This union was blessed with four children - Austin, Phylis, Marcia and Berys. August pre-deceased her on 6th May, 1972.

Martha remained faithful to her Church wherever she lived. She was a foundation member of St Mark's Congregation and also of the Women's Guild. She was always ready to help people in distress, especially children. Often when mothers were ill, Martha would care for their children.

Her health deteriorated in 1983 and she was admitted to Trinder Park Rest Home and later to the Nursing Home, where she passed away on the 1st January, 1993.

She leaves to mourn her loss four children, 11 grand-children and 12 great-grand-children. One son-in-law, Donald Grieshaber, and one grand-son, Stephen Schulz, pre-deceased her.

We thank God for a wonderful, kind, caring mother, who led us along the path of salvation through Jesus Christ.