

# The Martin-Lyon Family

by **Una Lyon** (nee **Martin**)

I was born on the 21.05.1927 and named **Una Grace Martin** at the Old Maleny Hospital. My parents were **Ben & Emma Martin** of Booroobin. They had a dairy farm and Dad did a lot of tree felling and made us a good farm. Sadly Dad died of cancer when I was nine years of age, so I missed out on a lot of fatherly love. I milked cows when I was old enough and loved playing with the young calves. All the cows had a name. I went to Maleny to work when I was about 18 ½ years old and worked in the café for George Shaw. He later sold and I worked at Cook's Bakery for a year, and then went back to Shaw's.



Ian Martin, Betty Lyon, Una Martin, Harold Lyon, Una Lawley & Doug Watson.  
Flowergirl – Lehne Martin

I had known **Harold Lyon** for years so eventually we were married in the Presbyterian Church Maleny on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1940. We honeymooned in Sydney. We went to Conondale and had a dairy farm on Ahern's Road. We sold cream to the Maleny Butter Factory and also sold pigs.

We had four children – **Allen, Graeme, Barbara** and **Karen**. All went by bus to Conondale School. Barbara finished her schooling in Maleny and Karen in Kenilworth. We worked the dairy for some time, and then it went into milk, so we went into beef cattle for quite a few years. We split the farm to Allen and Graeme and kept some for ourselves. We have since sold our share and have lived at 68 Maple Street, Maleny for 30 years. The children are all married so we have grand-children and great-grandchildren. The best years of our lives were spent in Conondale rearing our four children.

