

History of Klaas (Claude) and Beverly Reyne

Klaas emigrated from Holland in 1948. He arrived in Melbourne and spent 7 months dairy farming in the Gippsland area of Victoria. He then went to Mackay to work the season in the sugar cane industry. From there he worked for 6 months as an orderly at South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital, (now Princess Alexandra Hospital). In 1950 his brother Hank arrived from Holland and together they enjoyed share farming on the plateau in Lamington National Park.

It was whilst an orderly that Klaas met Bev Rapp, who was a trainee nurse at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. During this time he was a keen soccer player, (having played as a professional in Holland). Klaas played for the Eastern Suburbs team in Brisbane. A good man to have on the team!! So it was said.

Klaas and Bev married in 1951 and lived in Maleny where Klaas did the town milk run for a time. From there they moved to the Darling Downs and then to Bundaberg. Opportunity came for them to return to Maleny and work on his brother in law, Allan Mear's dairy farm, Mear's Lane Booroobin. The farm was later sold and Klaas commenced work at the CSR macadamia nut farm from its inception. He remained in this work for the next 20 years before retiring to their home in Tamarind Street Maleny. Bev, a registered nurse, continued to work at Maleny hospital after Klaas's retirement, accumulating 16 years on her retirement in 1989. Together they have 7 children.



L to R Back Row – Warren, Jean, Mark, David. Front Row – Andrew, Tony, Bev, Klaas, Phillip

Now a little about the family.

Tony joined the Navy at age 17 from school. His rank is Lieutenant Commander and he is a helicopter pilot instructor. He remains in the navy, is married with three children and lives in Nowra.

Jean, the only girl, worked at the Maleny butter factory for 2 years from school before starting nursing training at Toowoomba. Jean is currently a midwife at Bundaberg hospital and is married with three children.

Mark worked at Tesch's timber mill for four years before joining the air force and becoming an aircraft engine fitter. After 25yrs and reaching the rank of Warrant Officer, he retired to take up a position with TAE, the company responsible for the F-111 engine. Following the retirement of the F-111 he now works for this company in support of the Super Hornet and Classic Hornet engines. Mark is still at Amberley, is married with three children, and lives at Forest Lake.

Warren did his apprenticeship as a carpenter in Caloundra. He now works as a builder in Brisbane and is married with three children. Warren lives in Runcorn, Brisbane.

Phillip, one of the twins, works with his brother Warren in the building industry. Phillip is married with four children and lives outside Ipswich.

Andrew, the other twin, is a cabinet maker. Andrew is married with three children and lives in Tamworth.

David, the youngest in the family, has had many and varied jobs. For a number of years now he has been working as a glazier with O'Brien Glass. He is married and lives in Brisbane.

All of the children did all of their schooling at the Maleny State School, with the exception of Tony who did his first year in Bundaberg.

In their retirement, Klaas and Bev made the move in 1990 to the Lockyer valley. It was here that Klaas passed away in 2002. Bev made the decision to move to Brisbane in 2005, to be closer to her family. She is extremely proud of their children, their 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and counting!!

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