



BERYL GOODMAN

09-02-1943 to 09-07-2024

Beryl was born in Nottingham, England on the 9th of February 1943 to Beatris Scott nee Turner from Worksop in Nottinghamshire and Desmond Scott from Yeadon in Yorkshire, England. Her father was away in India at the time serving in the British army and they did not get to meet each other until he was demobbed in 1946.

Beryl had an elder sister and younger brother. Due to her brother's health issues at that time the family decided to emigrate to the warmer, drier climate of Western Australia in 1953.

They initially stayed with their spinster Aunty Bet in Bicton before moving to East Fremantle close to the horse racing Miller family. Beryl would get into trouble as she would feed their prized racehorses' grass which was a big no no! Later they moved to Old Mandurah Road, Kwinana Beach before moving to the new suburb of Medina as her father had secured a job on construction of the BP oil refinery.

Beryl went to the single classroom East Rockingham school where she was, as a new migrant with a strong accent, bullied, but found refuge with the local wild horses that she would catch and ride.

Once old enough she found work as a governess on a farm just outside Kojonup, later following her sister to Sydney where she worked as a nursing aid at an old folk's home. While in Sydney she met her future husband, Philip Perry, eventually having her three children, Belinda, Denise and Craig. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last and after three years they separated leaving Beryl to raise the three children.

One evening in 1973 Beryl was leaving the Kwinana hotel with her sister in-law when she spotted someone doing a dance on the swarming Christmas Beetles for which he was severely chastised. His name was Cliff! As they say, the rest is history.

With Cliff now re-educated Beryl learned to drive her Morris Minor panel van which gave her the opportunity to start her own lawn mowing round for her friends, took up art classes, pottery classes, first aid classes, cake decorating and an equine management class.

The family moved from Medina into Orelia where, with the help of Cliff, she completely redeveloped the garden and house. In December 1983 Beryl and Cliff were married holding their reception in the back garden.

Once the kids had left the nest Beryl and Cliff moved to a 5-acre property in Casuarina where she could indulge in her love of gardening and animals which included four dogs, a dozen chooks, four ducks, numerous goldfish and koi carp and two horses. Not to forget the wildlife which included possums, ducks, goannas, bandicoots and the odd dugite and tiger snake!

When the virgin bush block in Casuarina was purchased, Cliff said to Beryl that she could not garden five acres, so she spent the next 20 odd years proving him wrong! She would rise early in the morning to feed "her boys" before spending the rest of the day developing and tending her garden. Cliff spent most of his spare time trying to keep up with the reticulation. She also found time to be a carer and horse handle for the Baldivis Riding for the Disabled Group for children from the Malibu School.

Another love of Beryl's was the Riley. Her father had owned one when she was 17 years old and he tried to teacher her to drive with it only to end up in the local garage forecourt narrowly missing the bowsers and stopping just short of the workshop glass doors! Needless to say that that was the last driving lesson she had for a good number of years.

Beryl loved all her grandchildren all arriving at different times of her life. Rebecca enjoyed her early life in in Orelia in the swimming pool and with her Aunty Denise and Uncle Craig who treated her more like a younger sister. Nicole had the run of her Nan's 5-acre property playing on 44-gallon drums and riding in the ride on lawn mower trailer. Jessica's early Sundays were spent in Fremantle with her Nan having lunch in the park and enjoying various festivals. Beryl had a very special holiday in Bali with Celine where they got to meet her Balinese family.

In Beryl's later years she has had the pleasure of three great grandchildren, Alexis, Callan and Elon, who have all given her a great deal of enjoyment.

Beryl enjoyed her holidays with extensive trips all over Australia early on with the kids and later with the Riley Club, also Asia, Europe and England where she got to meet her long lost family and visited some of the places she remembered from her childhood. The last big holiday was a four-month caravan tour of the Northwest Coast of WA up as far as Darwin which, unfortunately was the last straw for her hip joint which had to be replaced on her return to Rockingham.

From this point on Beryls health slowly declined and gradually restricted her ability to go out and she became more reliant on Cliff as time progressed. She loved her garden, walks down the beach, swap meets, and family get togethers. Unfortunately, when Cliff became ill and was hospitalized, she had to go into a nursing home where she received the high care that was needed but she always found it hard to accept and was never completely happy.

As Beryls health deteriorated she had to have permanent oxygen supply and needed a wheelchair to get around. Towards the end the wheelchair became too painful to use and she was restricted to her chair and ultimately her bed.

Beryl passed away at 11.20 am on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at the age of 81 years old.