

Gladys Lilian Baldwin 1924 - 2013

Gladys was born at Hooe, West Sussex on 21st March, 1924, the fifth of the six children of Frank and Elizabeth Catt. She attended the local Church of England School. At the age of fourteen Gladys went 'into service' at the home of the local doctor.

After being evacuated to Somerset, Gladys returned to Sussex and began working for the Broom family at Little Common. She moved with the Brooms to Brimpton Court Guest House, near Thatcham in Berkshire. It was whilst working here that she met Innis, who was serving with the RAF at nearby Greenham Common. They met at the Horse and Jockey, a local public house.

Gladys and Innis were married at the Little Common Methodist Chapel on 15th July, 1944. They moved to Milton to begin their married life and spent the next 69 years together here.

Gladys worked in the nursery at Bruern Abbey until son Keith was born. Keith was soon joined by his sister Mary and the family was complete.

Gladys was always busy, helping with the Boy Scouts and the Youth Club. She was



a member of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion, the Sisterhood, the Mothers' Union, Milton WI and the Evergreens. She regularly worshipped at the Methodist Chapel in The Square, Milton until it closed in 1986. Gladys and Innis then joined the congregation at Westcote Chapel.

Gladys' family grew to include a much-loved daughter-in-law and son-in-law and, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren, all helping to make her life complete.

When Gladys became ill she was nursed with great care and dignity at the Horton Hospital, Banbury. The family cannot speak highly enough of the care she received from the hospital staff and the doctors and staff of the Wychwood Surgery.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the good wishes, cards and flowers received since Gladys' death. Many donations have been received in her memory and the sum collected will be shared between Oak Ward at the Horton and the Wychwood Surgery.

Mary Sanders