

The background of the page is a painting of a forest path in autumn. The path is a mix of brown and green, with many fallen red and orange leaves scattered across it. On the left, a small cluster of trees with vibrant autumn foliage stands. On the right, a large, dark tree trunk is prominent. The upper half of the image is filled with the dense canopy of trees, their leaves in various shades of orange, red, and brown. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

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FRASER-
HORSTRA

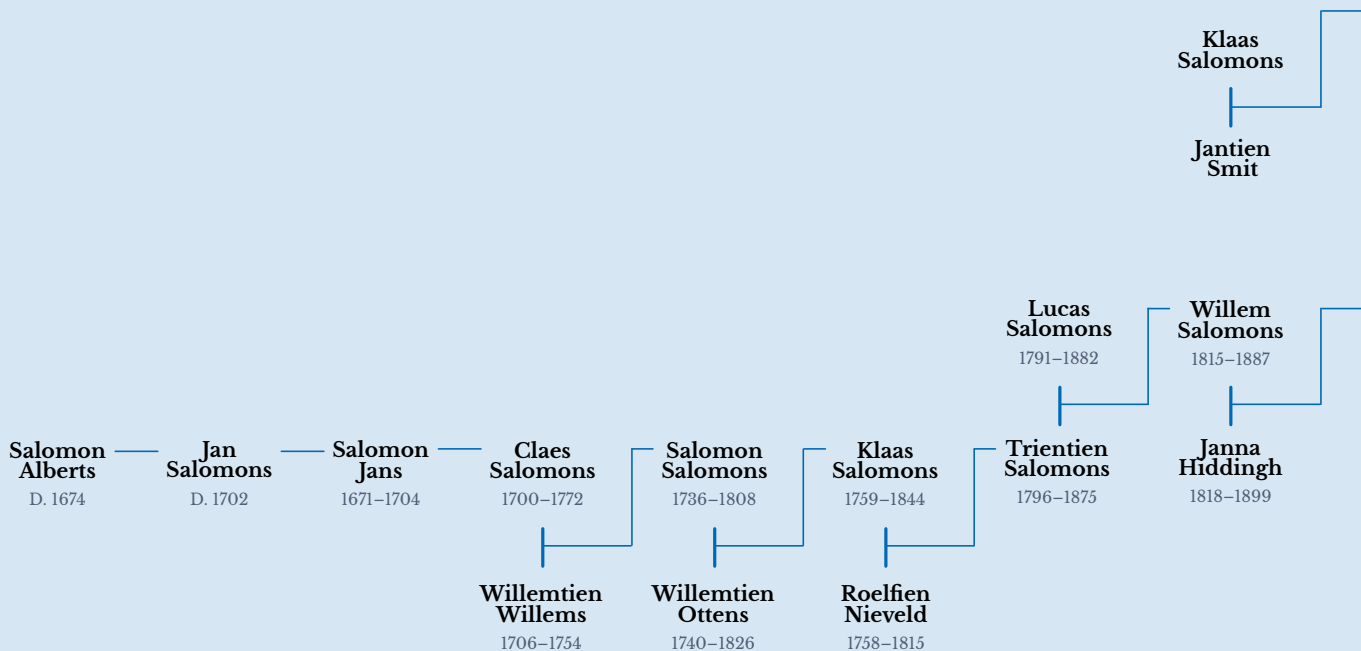
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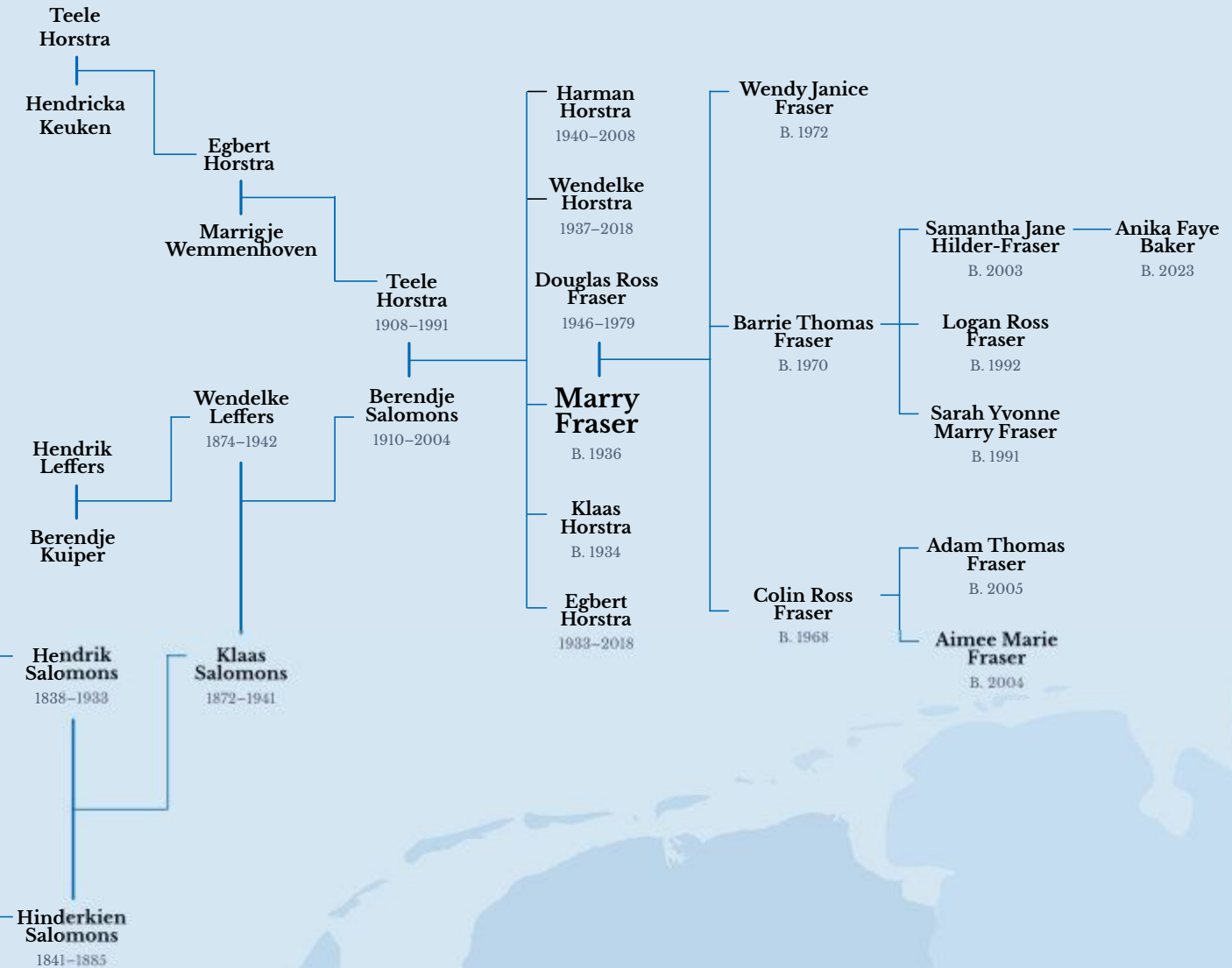


*To our wonderful mother and
oma, on your 90th birthday,
to celebrate the nine decades
of your remarkable life so far.*

The Family Before Us

The known history of Marry's mother's lineage is traced back to the 17th century, with the earliest known ancestor being Salomon Alberts. There is less knowledge of the Horstra line.





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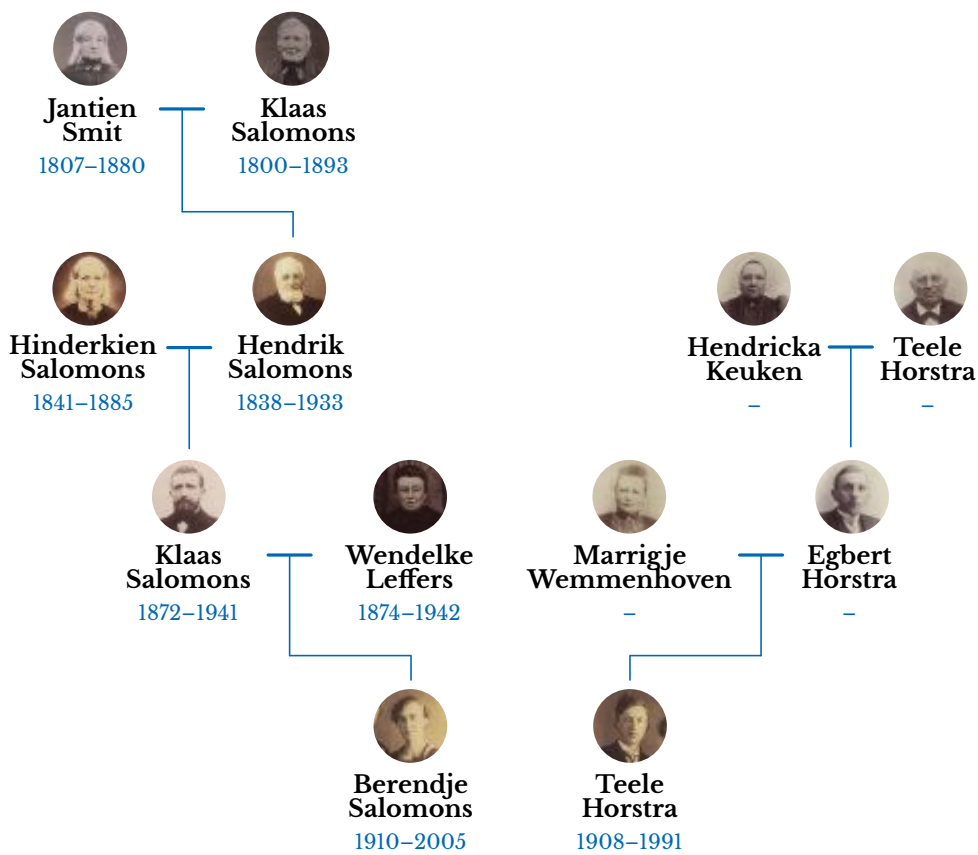
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Where It All Began

1800–1900s



Marry's earlier family roots in the 1800s to early 1900s trace back to Gasselternijveen, a small village in the province of Drenthe in the northeast of Holland. The area was historically shaped by peat extraction and agricultural trades.



Above: Marry's parents, Teele Horstra and Berendje Salomons



Top left: Marry's maternal grandparents, Wendelke Leffers and Klaas Salomons; Top right: Four generations: Klaas Salomons (Marry's maternal grandfather, 1872–1941), Hendrik Salomons (Marry's maternal uncle, 1903–1974), Klaas Salomons (Marry's cousin, 1928–?), Hendrik Salomons (1838–1933); Bottom left: Marry's mother's family



Her parents, Teele and Berendje, came from De Krim, a village not far from the Drenthe border in Holland. After their first two children were born, they moved to Bussum and became shopkeepers.

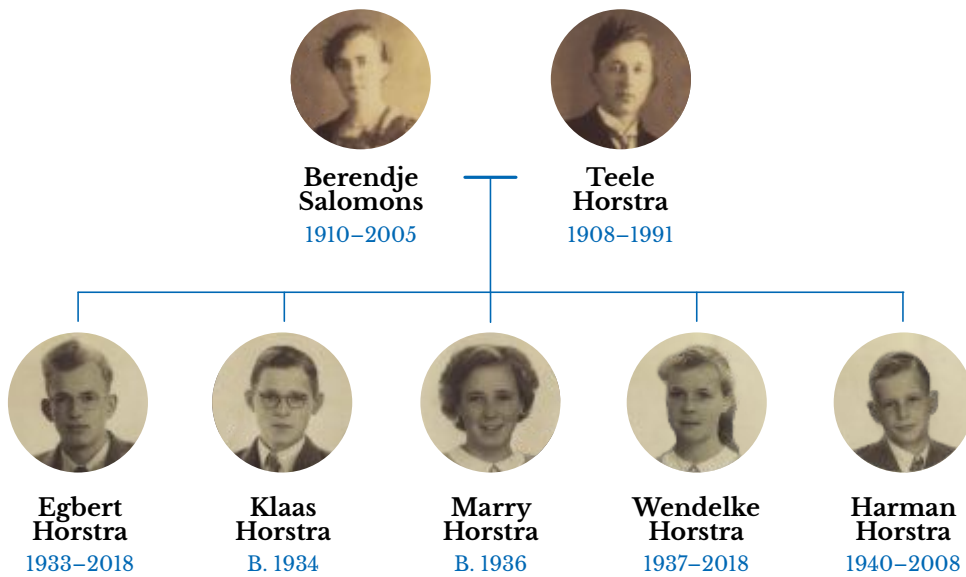
In the 1930s, Bussum was already a well-established commuter town in North Holland, with many residents travelling daily to work in Amsterdam.

The 1930s were also marked by the global economic depression, which affected employment and trade for many in Holland.

*Top: Marry's father's house;
Bottom left: Marry's mother and her sisters*

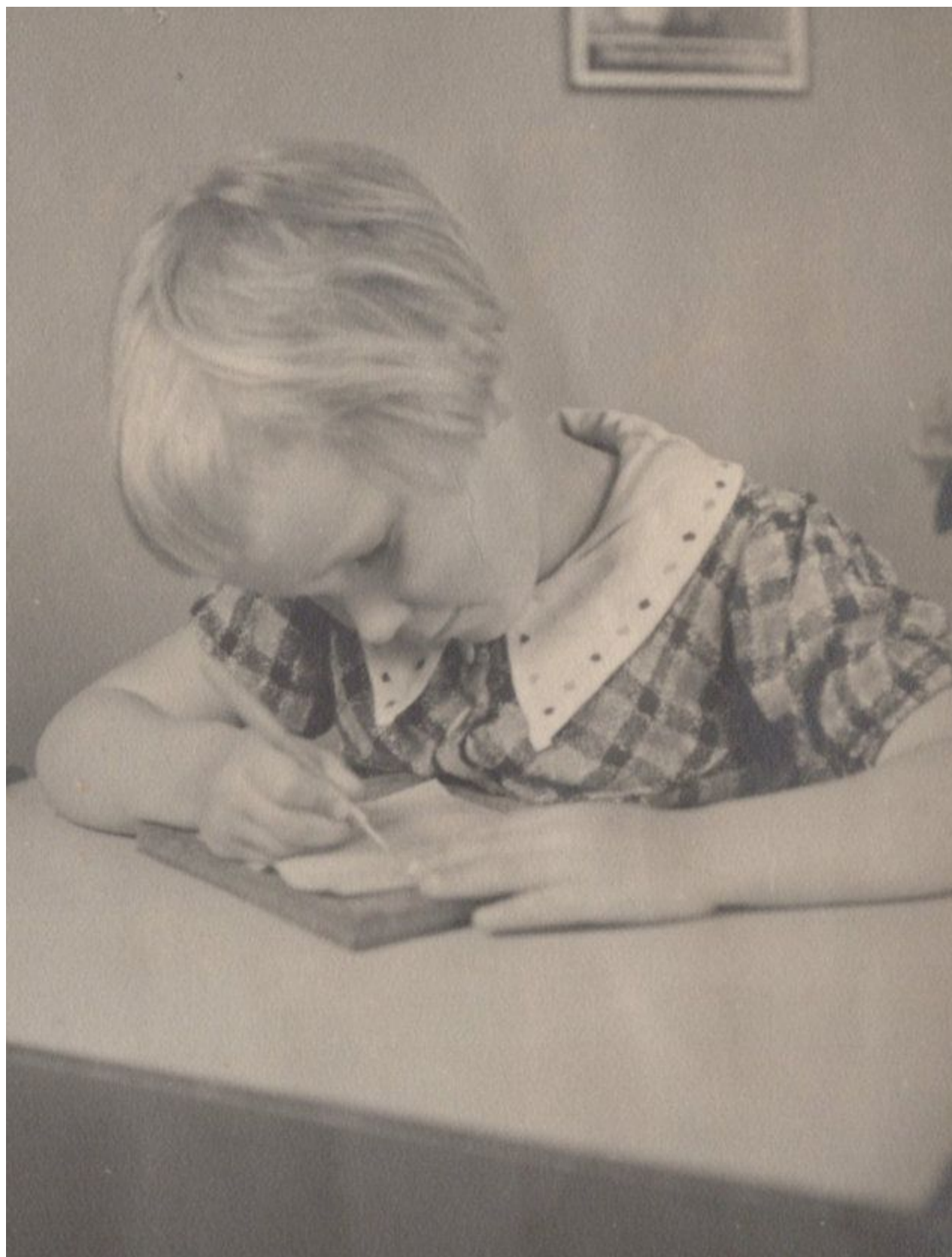
The Early Years

1940s



Marry Horstra, born in 1936, grew up as the middle child in a family of five siblings: Egbert, Klaas, Marry, Wenny, and Harman.

*"Every Sunday night we'd sing.
At the organ we'd all be there
singing together."*





The home was full of noise, movement, and the constant shuffle of cards on the table. Kwartetten, something like Go Fish, was a family favourite. After the work of the day was done, the family often gathered together, especially on Sundays with music.

“We were five kids, and my father and mother were in the shop most of the time. We played games together often.”

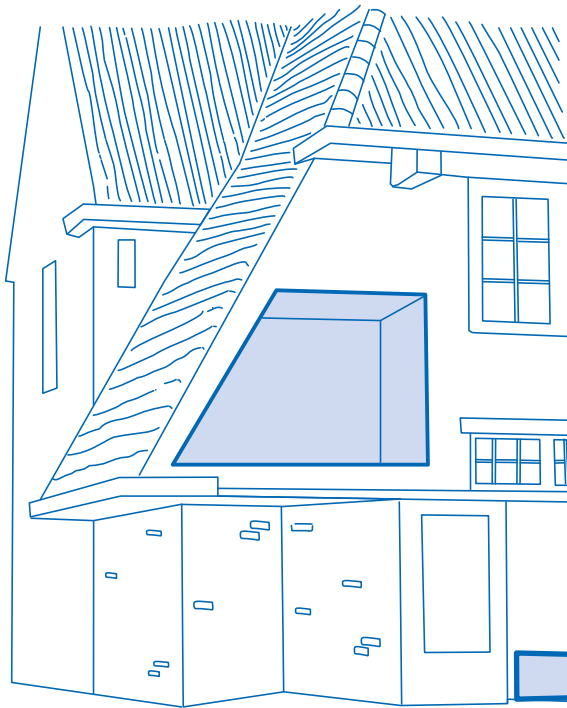
Top left: Egbert, Klaas, Harman, Marry, and Wenny; Top right: Wenny, Klaas, Harman, Marry, and Egbert;
Bottom: Marry, Klaas, Harman, Egbert, and Wenny



"My mother had a bit of a surprise as she did not expect to become pregnant so soon after having me and shared with me it was because she was still nursing me."



Top: Marry and Wenny;
Bottom right: Marry, two of their cousins, and Wenny



Bussum, like much of Holland, was impacted by World War II and lived through German occupation. Everyday life went on despite rationing and uncertainty. Marry's parents ran a small grocer shop below their home at Huizerweg 128.

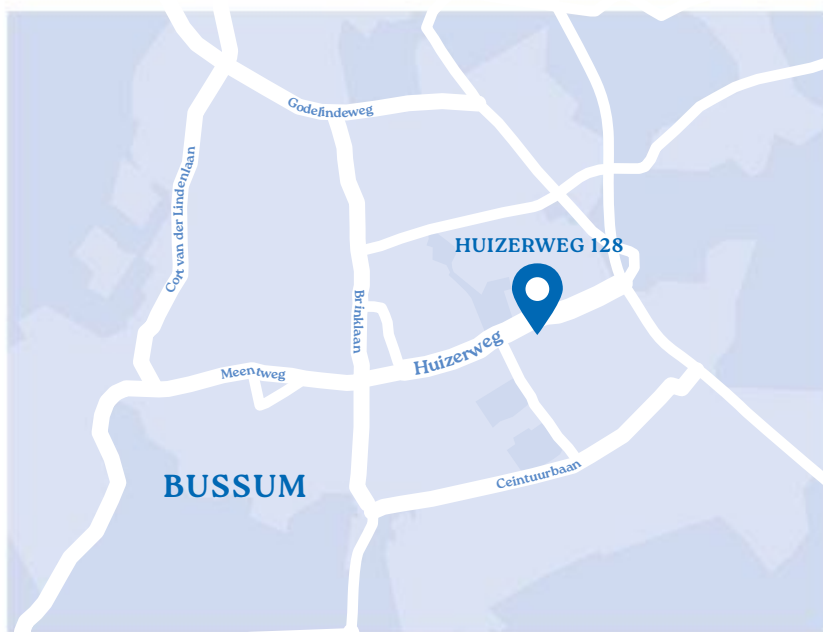
Beneath the surface of ordinary childhoods and routines, there were also moments of courage and quiet resistance, as some families, including Marry's, took risks to shelter those in danger.

There were smaller rebellions too.

“My favourite? Black lollies. Black liquorice. I used to sneak them from my father's shop.”

Top left: Marry's parents' grocer shop on the ground floor, with the family home above at Huizerweg 128, taken in 1950;

Top right: The same building at Huizerweg 128 in 2022, now operating as a wine store; Bottom left: Diagram illustrating the hidden rooms within the Horstra family home, where people were sheltered during the war



Bottom: Wenny, Marry's mother, Marry, Egbert, Klaas, and Harman together as a family

Finding Her Way

1950s

In her teenage years and early twenties, Marry had wanted to be a teacher.

“Teacher... that’s what I wanted to be. But after high school, I’d had enough of school.”

Higher education was not really an option at the time. Her parents had used much of their money to support her older brothers’ studies, and there simply was not the money to send everyone on to university. Instead, her father encouraged her to continue learning through evening school. Her father always felt a little guilty about this.

“My brothers went on to higher education. For me, it was: you go to evening school. We learned bookkeeping, English, French, German. A lot to keep track of at once.”

Her first job was as a bookkeeper, working with finances and accounts. It was not quite the teaching career she had imagined, but it was the start of her working life.





Top: Marry and friends; Bottom left: Marry and her mum and sister on her parents' 25th wedding anniversary

Life outside work was shaped by a post-war world. Fizzy drinks were a novelty as they were not readily available before. She also remembers that Sundays were filled with coffee, church, and a little shandy after.

“We drank, but we didn’t drink. But everyone smoked. It was just what you did. My friend Willie started it. She said, ‘Come on, this is no fun smoking by yourself.’ And that was that.”



Top: Wenny, Marry's mum, and Marry at Wenny's wedding; Bottom left: Wenny and Mannes' wedding; Bottom middle: Klaas and Jeanne's wedding; Bottom right: Harman and Enny's wedding

A New Adventure

1963

In 1960, at age 25, Marry left Holland for Australia through an assisted migration scheme. Although she loved her life at home and had no plans to leave, her family wanted to make sure she didn't miss out, and lovingly pushed her out the door.

*"The opportunity of your life, they said.
To go to Australia. For free."*

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#468 Marry Horstra



1963

She travelled alone by boat on the "Fair Sky", a journey that took around four weeks



Left: Marry in red on the ship



After arriving in Australia, Marry settled into work and started building a new life. The company she worked for also had a branch in Melbourne, and her boss helped arrange a position for her there.

It was in Melbourne that she met Derwyn (Dee), who would become one of her lifelong friends. Along with Netta, the three worked together and quickly became a close group.

“The three nuns they called us, because we stuck together.”

Top: Dee and Marry trampolining in Australia; Bottom: Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

A New Home

———— 1964 ————

After about a year in Australia, Derwyn suggested a new adventure, and so off to New Zealand they went.

"Derwyn came with me from Australia to New Zealand. Because she said, "well, why don't you go over to New Zealand? It's a beautiful country. I'll come with you."

When Dee and Marry arrived in New Zealand, they did not immediately find work, so decided to hitch-hike around New Zealand, with a good stint around the South Island.

"I was not as streetwise as Dee. Together we devised an escape plan. I would sit in the front, and Dee would sit in the back. If the driver ever tried anything, Dee would strangle him from the back, while I would tackle him from the front and take the car keys."

They did experience a few strange drivers. One ripping off a motel, leaving Dee and Marry to pay, which they didn't, and they left in fear that they would be chased down the road for payment. Another one had a gun which scared both of them, though he turned out to be a nice and friendly hunter.

Luckily they never needed to execute their escape plan.



Mid 1960s
Chateau Tongariro



Mid 1960s



They arrived in New Zealand on a working holiday and travelled around the country before looking for office work in Auckland. Dee was the easier choice for employers, partly because her English was stronger, while Marry was still finding her feet with the language. When suitable jobs proved hard to find, they eventually took positions at the Chateau Tongariro. Many of the Chateau staff were young Australians who had also come over for work. Marry immediately fell in love with New Zealand.

“New Zealand was much nicer... the forest was flowering. Snow on the slopes. It was beautiful. In Australia, it’s very dry.”

Mid 1960s

Top: Mt Ngauruhoe; Bottom: Marry with friends

Finding Her Other Half

1960s

At the time, the area was busy with workers involved in the local electricity schemes, and many of the Chateau staff were young Australians who had also come over for work.

At the Chateau, Marry met a young kiwi named Ross, while Dee met her future husband, Ian. Ross and Ian were staying there while working on bulldozers and other heavy machinery for the hydroelectric schemes in the central North Island. Like many of the young Australians working in the area, both women ended up falling for local "Seton boys" working in construction.





1960s

Top left: A younger Ross; Top right, bottom: Ross operating machinery



Ross worked on road and earthworks projects, including work on a dam which was part of the Tongariro Power Scheme.

Soon after, Marry returned to Holland to be with her sister as her husband had become unwell, and Ross went looking for work in Australia.

Even while living on opposite sides of the world, she and Ross kept in touch through letters, even as she chased off other potential suitors.



1960s

Top: Dee, Ross, Marry; Bottom left: Marry; Bottom right: Ian



1960s

Top: Marry in front of the giant kauri tree *Te Matua Ngahere*; Bottom: Ross in front of the giant kauri tree *Tane Mahuta*



When she eventually returned to New Zealand, Ross wasted little time to propose, but their courtship contained one final surprise. Both had been a little creative with the truth about their ages. Ross had added a few years, while Marry had quietly taken a few off. It was only after they became engaged that the truth finally came out and they did the maths that she was ten years older.

"Let's face it, Ross was pushy. I think he knew if he had told me straight away what age he was in the letters, I would not have married him. I ditched a guy, very nice guy too, because he was a year younger than me."

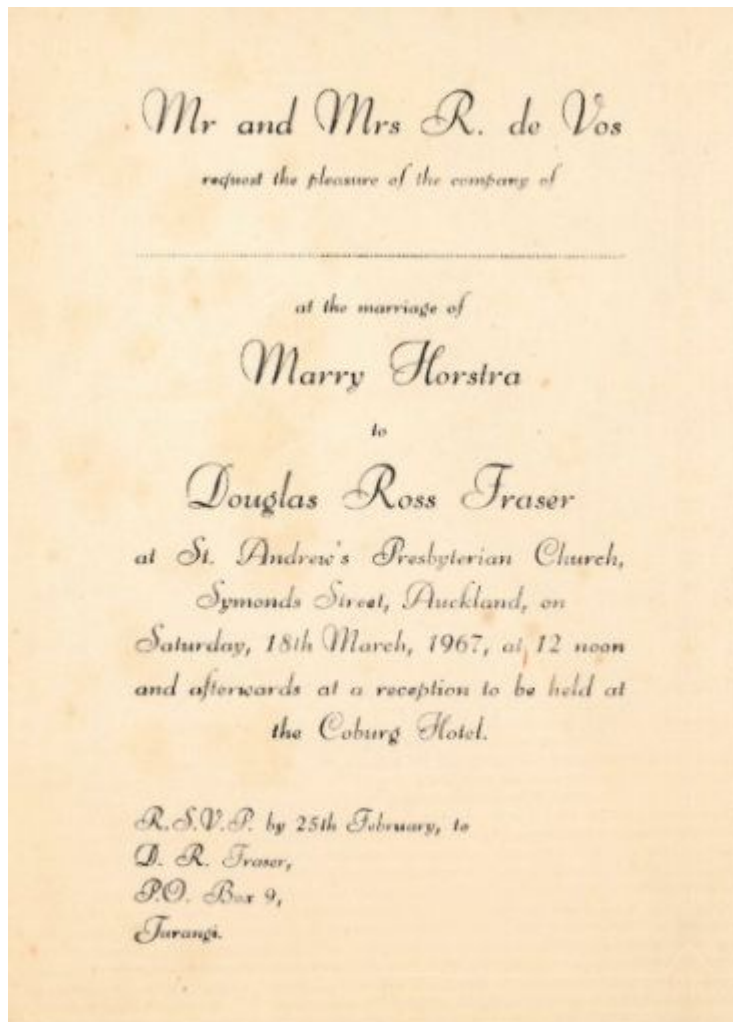
Oh, the dilemma! What was she to do? Ross wasn't as concerned as Marry. Telling her, "What's the problem? I love you and you love me." He must have convinced her, as three months later they got hitched and here we are today.

1960s

Ross in front of his not so heavy machinery vehicle in Australia

The Wedding Day

— 18th March 1967 —







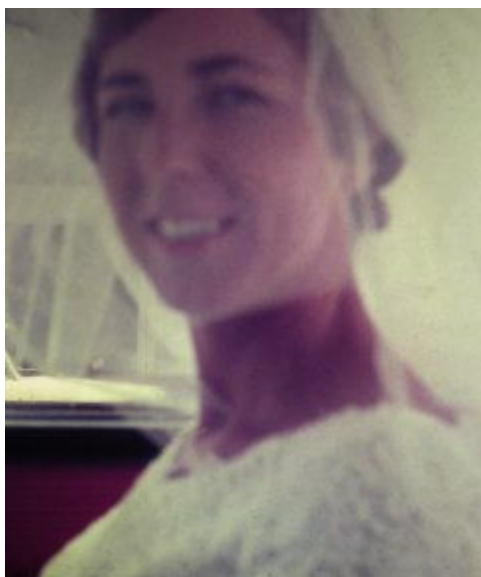






Bottom: Marry's family celebrating in Holland. Egbert, Marry's father, Klaas, and Mannes





A New Arrival

1968



**Marry
Fraser-Horstra**
B. 1936



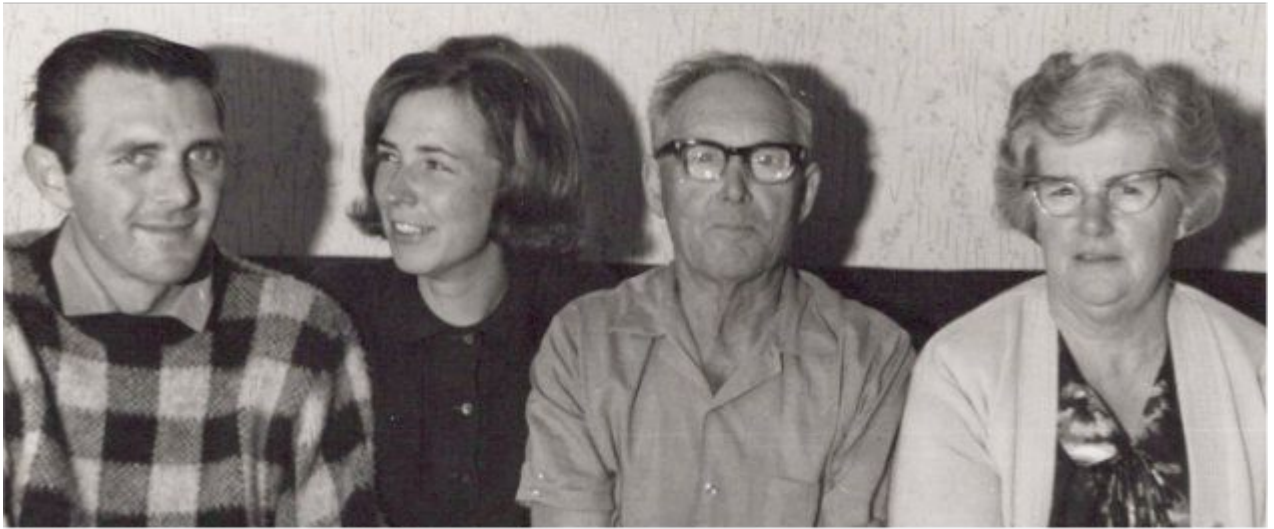
**Douglas Ross
Fraser**
1946–1979



**Colin Ross
Fraser**
B. 1968

The following year, they welcomed their first child, a wee Colin Ross Fraser.





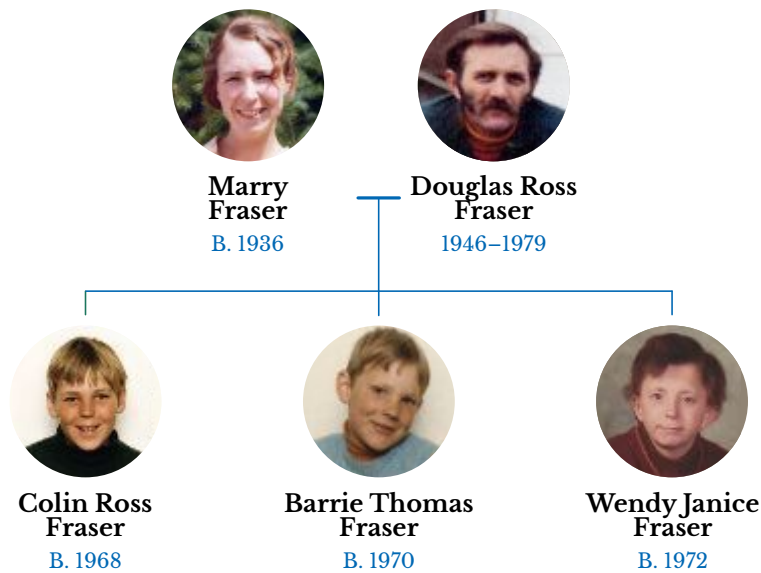
1968

Ross's parents paying a visit



The Family Grows

1970s



The 1970s were busy years of work, family life and flying, along with their associated mishaps. Marry managed a motel in Tokaanu while raising a young family. While her parents were visiting, they helped with a house deposit for what became the family home in Turangi. At the time the house market was good for the buyer as the hydro schemes were coming to an end, leading to more properties on the market. The house was bought for \$6,000, before Ross had even seen it.

"And then Ross walks in and says, 'Oh my goodness, look at the floor!' He put a marble on the floor and watched it quickly roll away. It was so crooked."





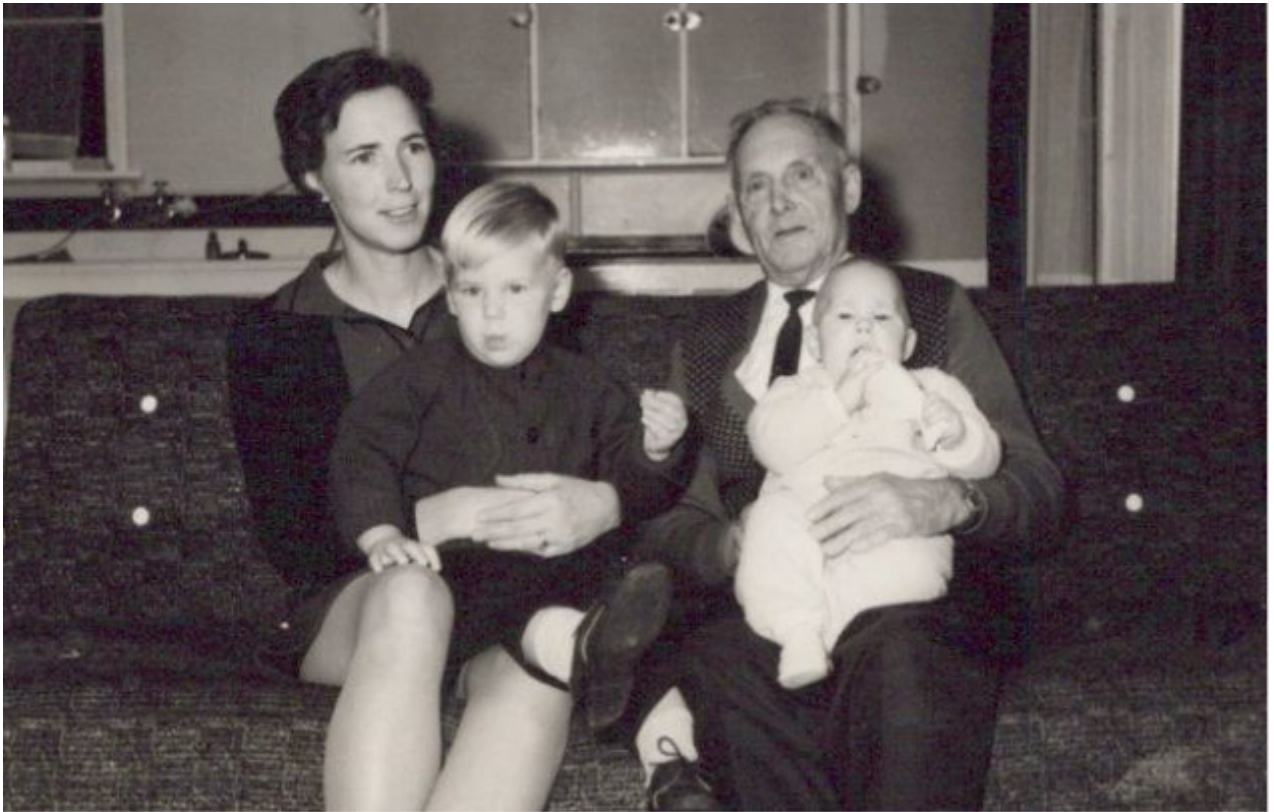
Early 1970s

Top: Visit to Kaikohe; Bottom left: Colin; Bottom right: Ross's nieces and nephew with Colin



Early 1970s

*Top left: Colin; Top right: Colin and Barrie;
Bottom: Marry's father, Ross, Marry, Colin, Marry's mother, Barrie, and Ross's father*



Early 1970s

Top: Marry, Colin, Ross's dad, Barrie; Bottom: Marry's mother, Colin, Marry



Early 1970s

*Top: Colin, Marry, Marry's father and mother; Bottom left: Colin, Marry, Ross;
Bottom right: Colin, Marry, Ross, and Marry's mother*



Early 1970s

Top: Marry, Ross, Marry's mother; Bottom left: Colin, Marry, Marry's mother, Barrie; Bottom right: Colin, Barrie, Marry



Early 1970s

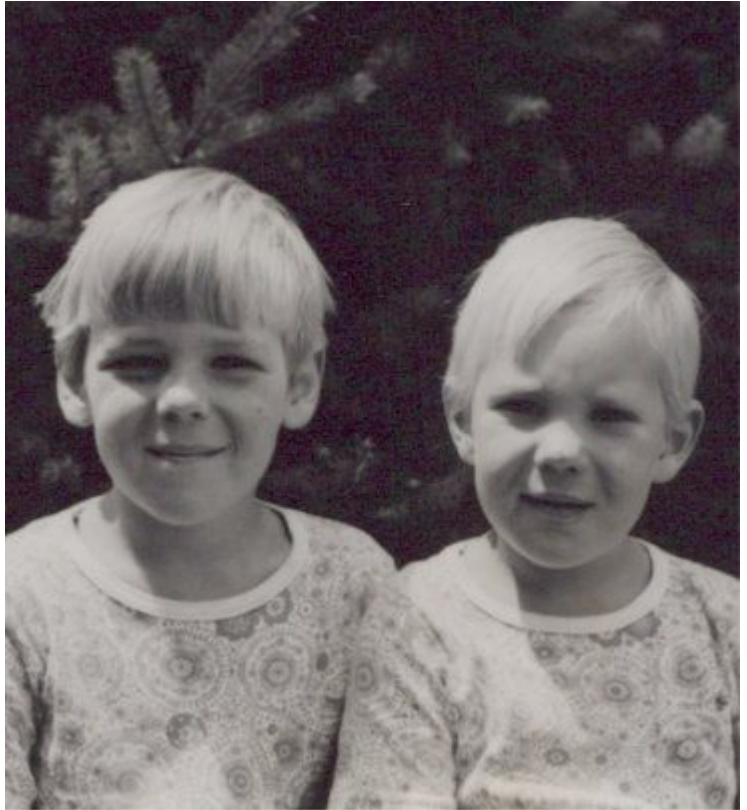
Top: Local children incl Colin and Barrie on Ross's boat project; Bottom: Barrie, Colin and Janice



Early 1970s

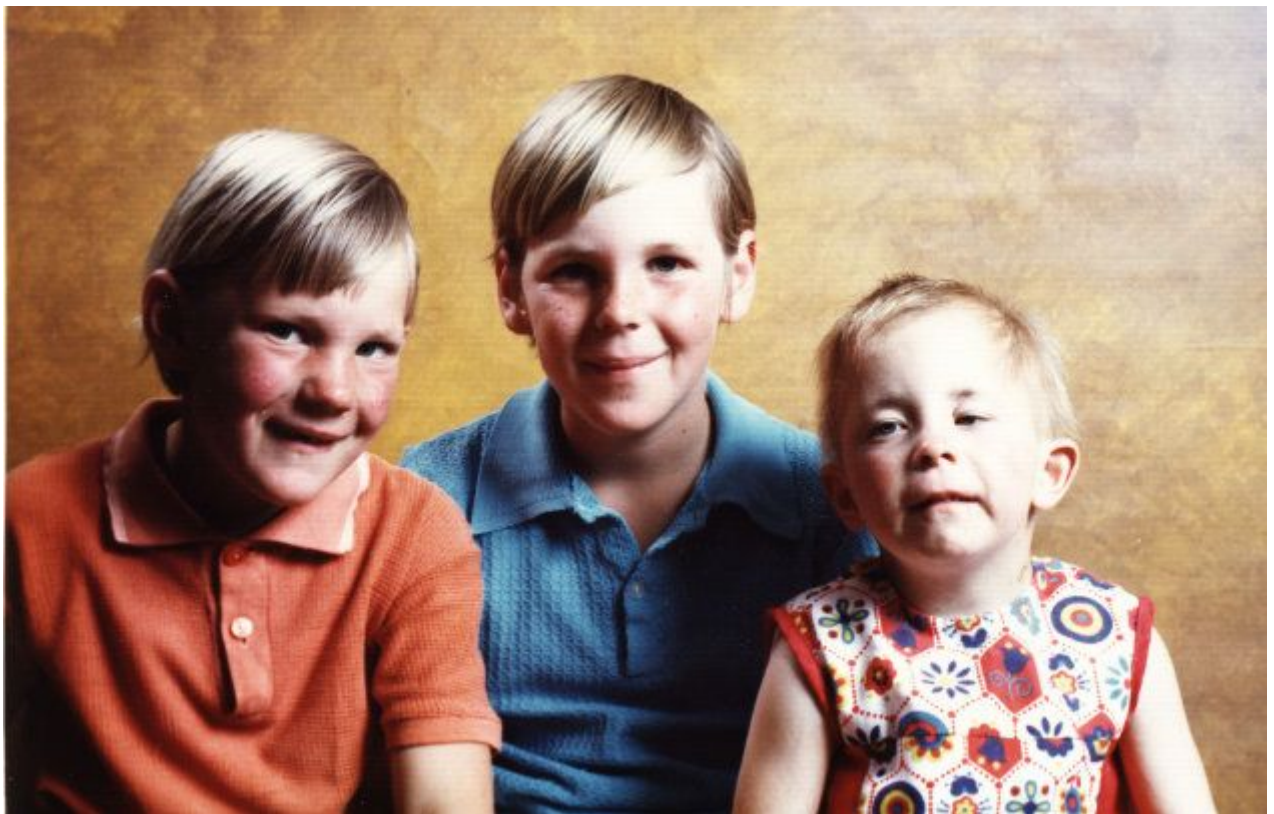


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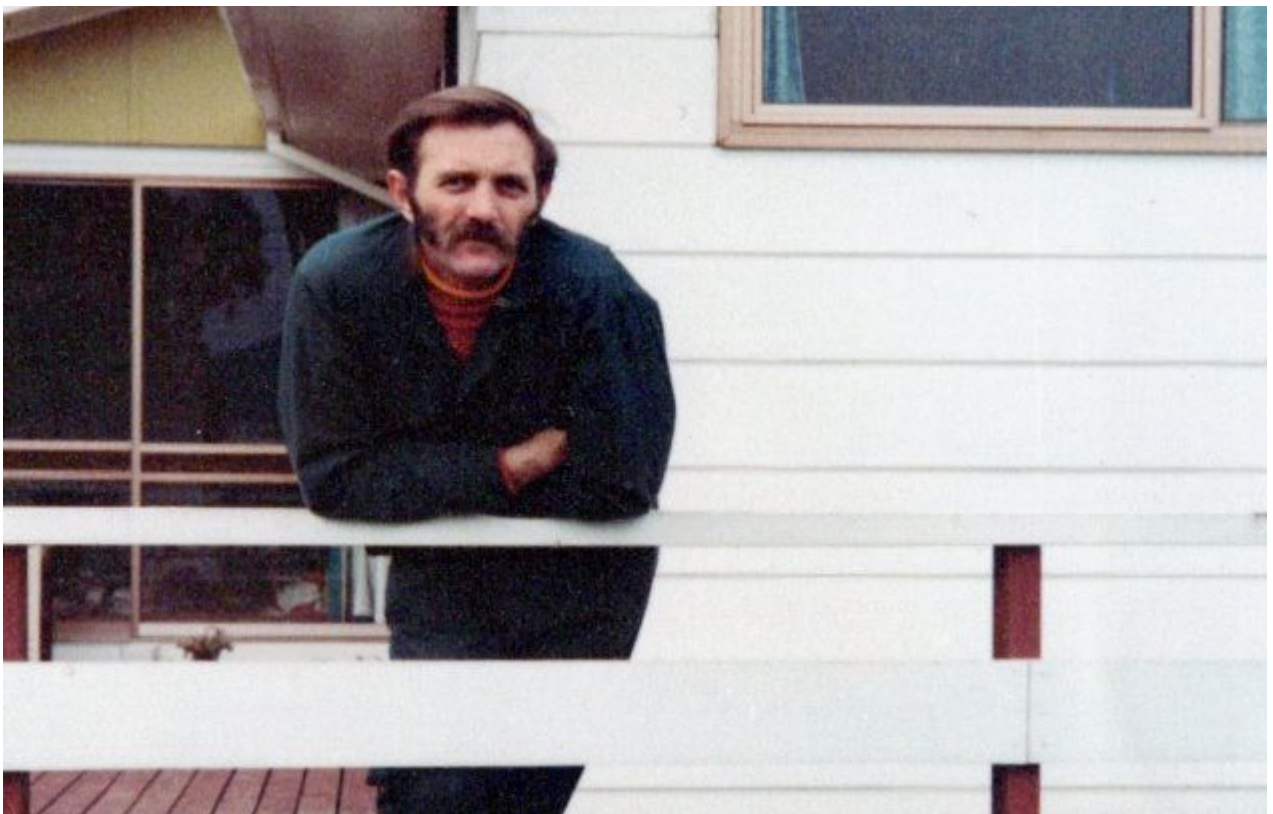


Mid 1970s





Late 1970s



Late 1970s

Lessons in Aviation

In the 70s, Ross was into aviation, and Marry did not have much option but to join him.

A story from Ross's flight training goes as follows. One morning, a recently graduated private pilot offered to take Ross for a flight. The pilot in command had just over 40 hours' experience, and Ross thought that was heaps, as he himself was a student pilot with only a few hours under his belt.

It was a foggy morning, Ross wondered why they would be flying in such conditions, but he trusted the "experienced" pilot. A tree suddenly emerged from the fog in front of the aircraft, and the inexperienced pilot attempted to pull the plane up and over it. This was a bad idea, as the aircraft was already low and slow, and Ross knew it. The plane stalled and crashed into the terrain.

Since Ross was in the front seat, he suffered most of the injuries and spent several weeks in hospital. His face and body were so badly bashed and bruised that when Marry visited him, she walked straight past his hospital bed because she didn't recognise him. This was also the day Ross lost all of his teeth.

From that day on, Ross swore never to let his own judgement be drowned out by someone else with experience. However, it did not put him off flying; far from it.

Aviation became a regular topic of conversation whenever friends came by, so much so that Marry eventually decided she should get in on the game so she would know what they were talking about.

*"Well I thought:
if you can't beat
them, join them"*

Marry trained as a pilot and reached the stage where she could "fly solo". That was enough for her. She could fly, land a plane if she needed to, and take part in all the aviation camaraderie that might (and did) occur.

Even so, there were still some aviation activities Marry was less enthusiastic about. Even during their years of writing to each other, she was not very keen on the idea of Ross jumping out of aeroplanes. However, once they were together, Ross paid no heed to that advice and decided to try parachuting. On his first jump, the main parachute failed to open. Thankfully, the emergency reserve deployed, but unfortunately it was not steerable. As a result, Ross came down with a heavy thump in a dense blackberry bush at the side of the airfield. He never tried parachuting again.



*Progression of helicopters that Ross flew (before the Hughes 500) after flying aeroplanes for some time
Bottom right: Piper Cub aircraft similar to the one mentioned. Usually the pilot sits in the back and the
passenger (Ross) in the front*

Lakeland Aviation

Ross's passion for aviation continued and he gained his commercial pilot licence in 1970, followed a few years later by his commercial helicopter licence.

Seeing an opportunity with no aviation companies in Turangi, he (and Marry) together with Ron Fincham and Tumu Te Heuheu started Lakeland Aviation in the early 1970s.

Initially, the company focused on flight training and charter work. They also flew hunters into the airstrips of the Kaimanawa Ranges. Ross, with his heavy machinery background, carved out some of the areas for the landing strips when others said "it can't be done".

Work grew into helicopter operations, and then live deer recovery, which was dangerous, but very profitable at the time.

Marry was also heavily involved, particularly on the administration side of things. From the flyer on the right, you can see that "Captain Ross Fraser's" phone number is 8856. This was the family home phone number, and one of Marry's many roles was to often take bookings over the phone. She however did not get her own business card!



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and Ruapehu	5	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00
Rotorua Lakes and Tarawera Mt.	6	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

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In Loving Memory

1979



1979

Top: Ross's Hughes 500C Helicopter;

Bottom left: The front garden in Turangi; Bottom right: Ross at the controls



1979

Top left: Marry next to Ross's invention, the AFID (Aerial Fire Ignition Device) used to purposely light forest fires;
Top right, bottom: At times the front lawn looked like an aircraft operations area, because it was

Fatal helicopter accident takes popular Turangi man

A helicopter accident at about 8.15 a.m. on Sunday morning, February 11, has claimed the life of a popular Turangi man, Mr Ross Fraser (32).

Mr Fraser, a partner in the firm Lakeland Aviation Ltd., left on an excursion to recover live deer with another Turangi man, Mr Murray Spalding, at 7 a.m.

In the Waipaki area in the Kaimanawa Forest Mr Spalding had caught a deer by dropping from the Hughes 300 machine, and Mr Fraser lifted away as is the practice, to ready the equipment to secure and lift the deer.

Mr Spalding saw the helicopter returning to him when there was a loud bang from the craft.

It then rolled nose first over twice before crashing to the ground, whereupon it caught fire.

Mr Spalding ascertained that Mr Fraser had been killed, and set out upon foot to reach a road.

After 6½ hours he came upon some hunters who took him in their Landrover to Turangi police station.

Taupo police controlled the operation to bring out Mr Fraser's body.

Mr Fraser was known for his community spirit wherever possible when it came to means by which he could assist with his helicopter.

A recent case was the arrival of Santa Claus at a local school by helicopter.

He provided charter rides for the public at Turangi Day, and was to have been present at this year's day on Saturday.

His absence will be a reminder to many of his untimely death.

Mr Fraser is survived by his wife, and three young children, two boys and one girl.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, at the Church of the Cross, then leaving for Turangi Cemetery.

The family have requested that no flowers be sent, but donations can be made to the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society.

The Family of the late
Douglas Ross Fraser
sincerely thank you for your kind
expression of sympathy in their
recent sad bereavement.
The kind thoughts of our many
friends have been a source
of comfort to us and will be
held in grateful memory.
Please accept our sincere thanks





Watching Them Grow

1980s

In the 80s the Fraser's moved from Turangi to Masters Avenue in Hillcrest, Hamilton. There Marry became involved in school life at Hillcrest High School across the road. She strongly advocated for and helped support the establishment of a disability learning unit, working toward improved educational opportunities and inclusion for disabled students at the school.

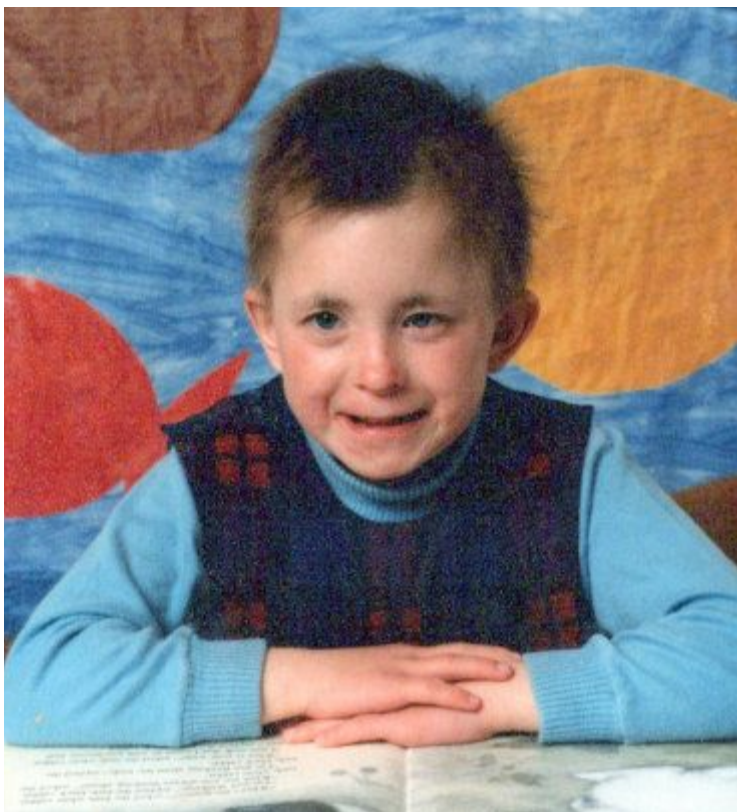




*Early 1980s
Barrie, Marry and Colin in the back yard in Turangi*



Early 1980s



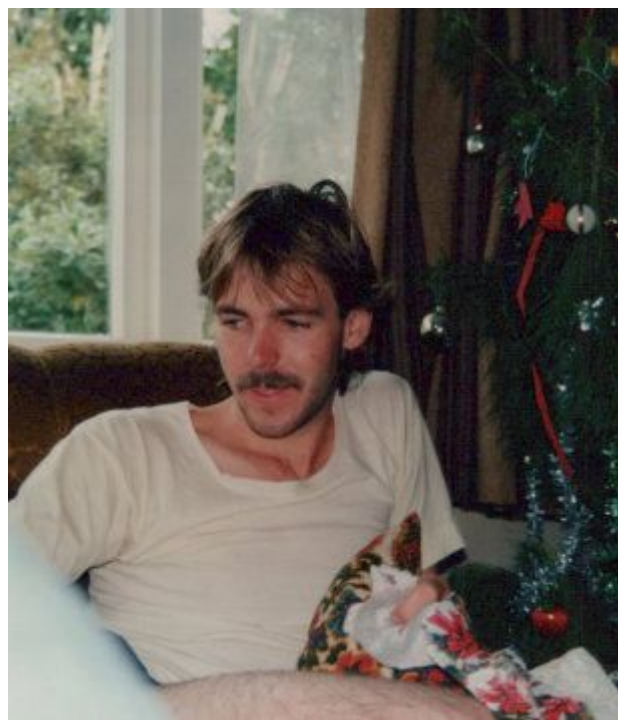
*Early-Mid 1980s
Bottom: Marry, Dee and Ian*



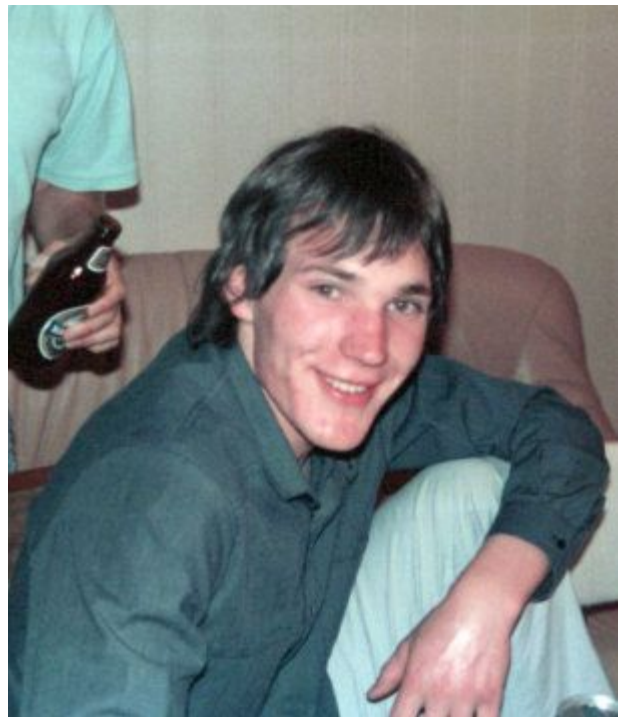
1982
A trip to Holland



1982
A trip to Holland



*Late 1980s
Back home again*



Late 1980s



1990s





Poffertjes.

250 gr. flour
+ 3 dl. lukewarm milk
1 egg
10 gr. yeast
25 gr. melted butter
1 Tsp. golden syrup (mix in milk)

Sift flour, make hollow in middle and pour small portion of milk with yeast (dissolved as much as possible). Add salt and mix starting in the centre. Slowly pour in milk while stirring, till smooth mix, add egg mix. Cover with gladwrap and leave to rise for approx 1 hr.



Croquettes

- 500g fresh meat
 1 onion on the bone
 2 stalks of celery
 1 leek
 4 sprigs parsley
 1/4 tsp thyme
 2 bay leaves
 1 small bit of mace (1/2 tsp)
 1 tsp pepper
 1 1/2 tsp salt
 2 chopped onions
 2 med. carrots

Wash & cut veges in large chunks.
 Fry meat in butter, add 1 litre water, add veges and cook till meat falls apart, separate meat from rest then and measure remainder till 600mls remain, add water if not enough.

Sauce

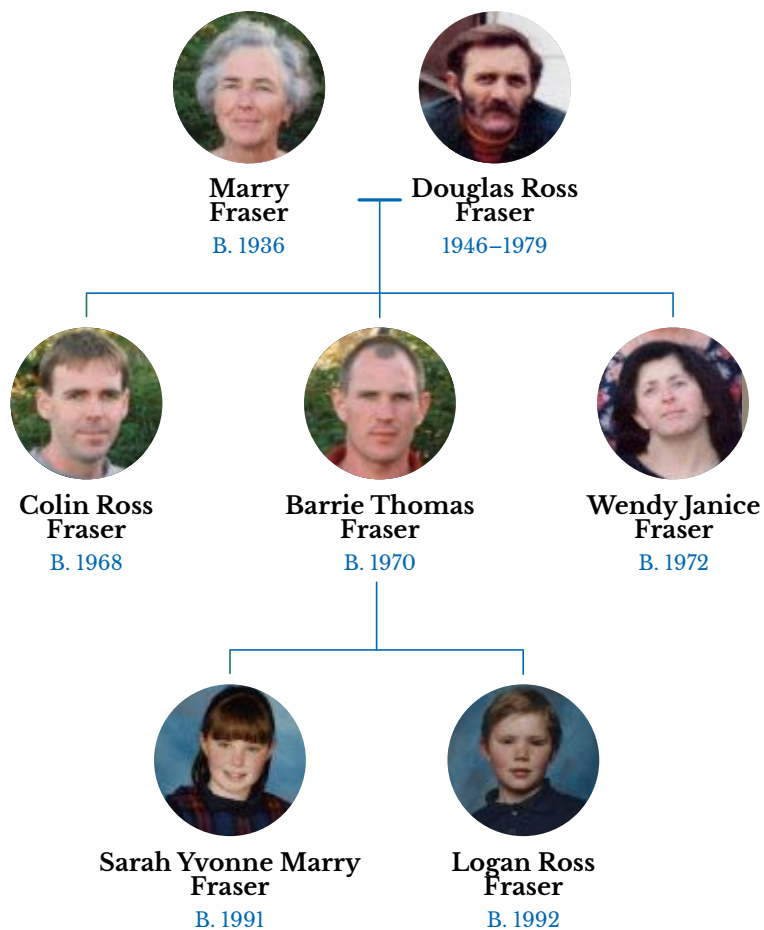
- 90g butter
 125g flour
 4 tsp cream
 2 egg yolks

Melt butter in pot, add flour mix well, cook for 1 min. Add stock gradually while stirring. Heat to cook slowly for 2 mins. Add cream, beat egg yolks and add, mix thoroughly.

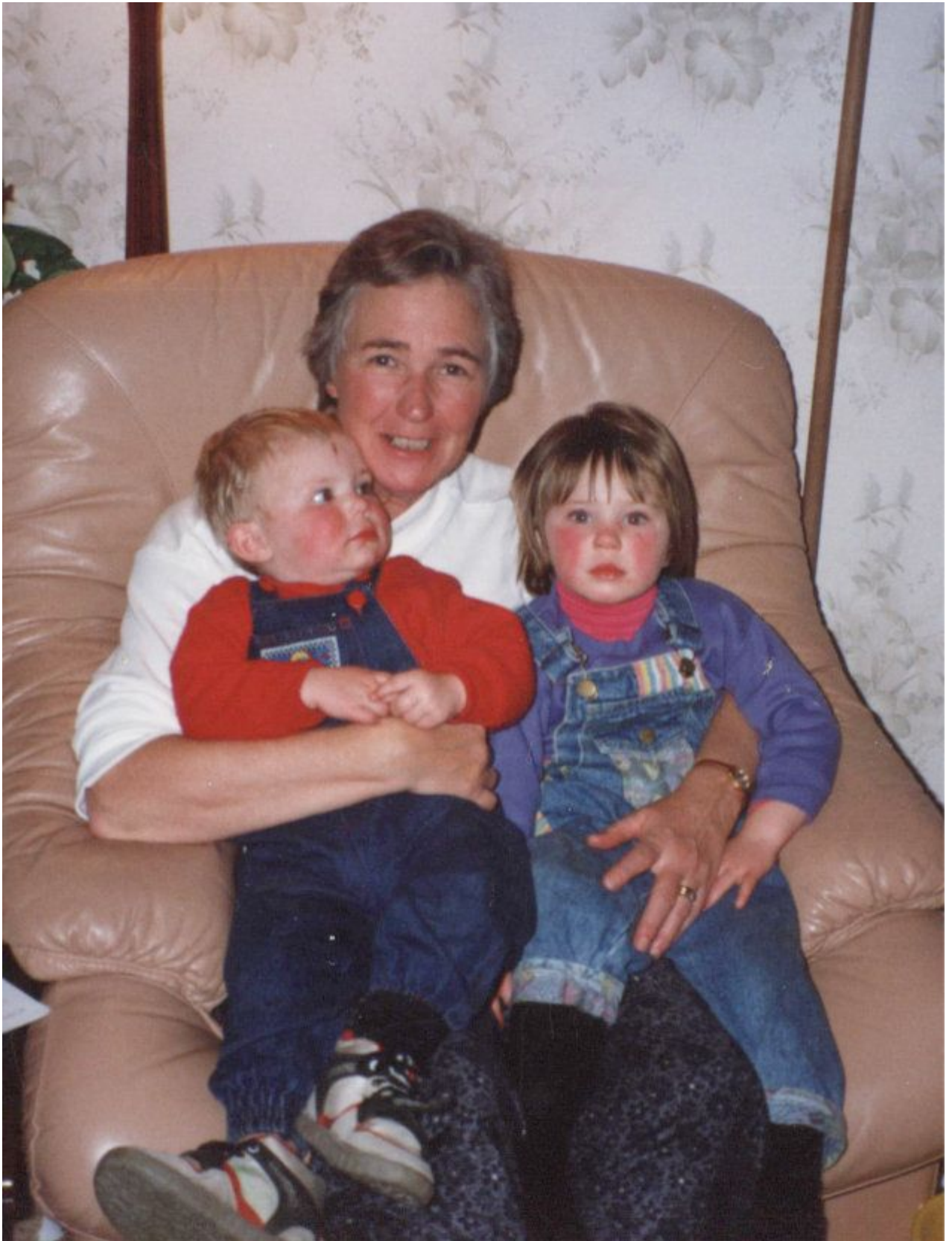
Taste and season with salt & pepper. Add meat, mix thoroughly. Coat with egg (I use egg whites) & breadcrumbs.

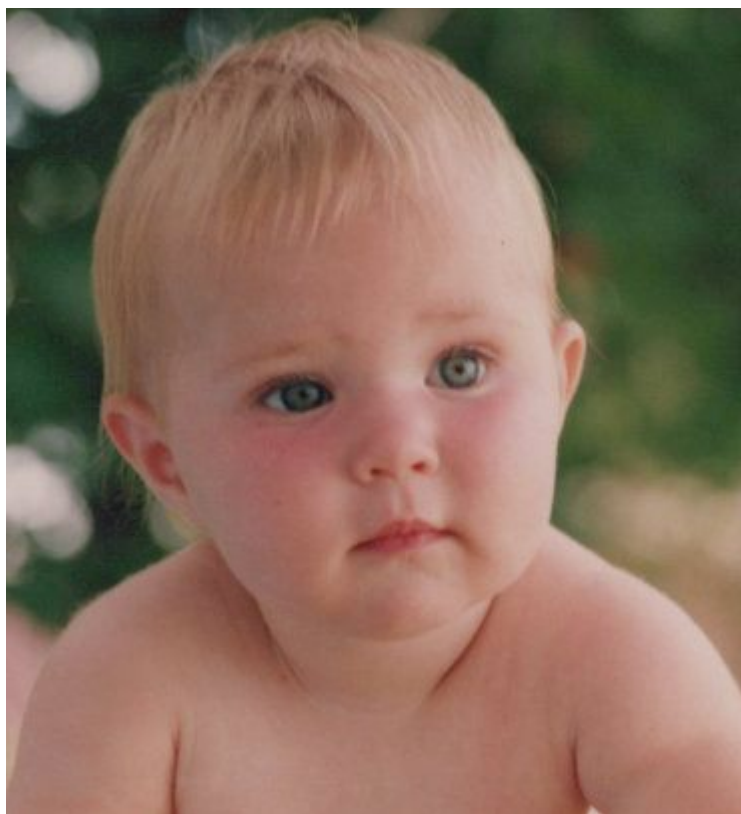
Becoming Oma

— 1990–2002 —



The family was growing, and it wasn't long before Marry gained a brand new title: Oma. Around this time, she also moved to Goldsmith Street, Cambridge. Janice finished school, and soon started work at Achievement House.





1991/1992

Top, Bottom left: Sarah (born 5th May 1991); Bottom right: Logan (born 27th November 1992)

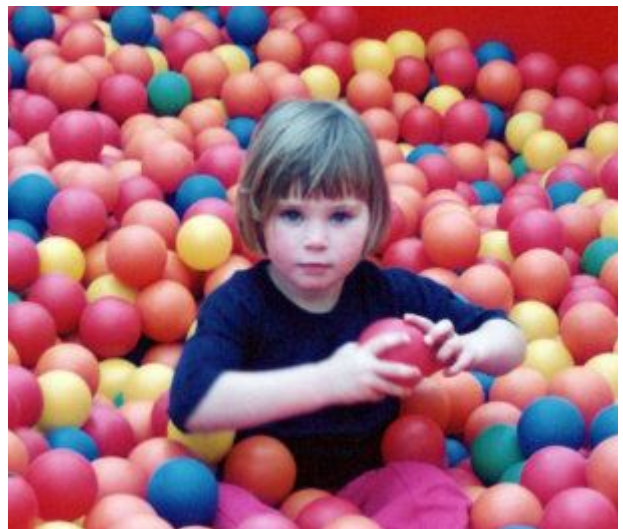
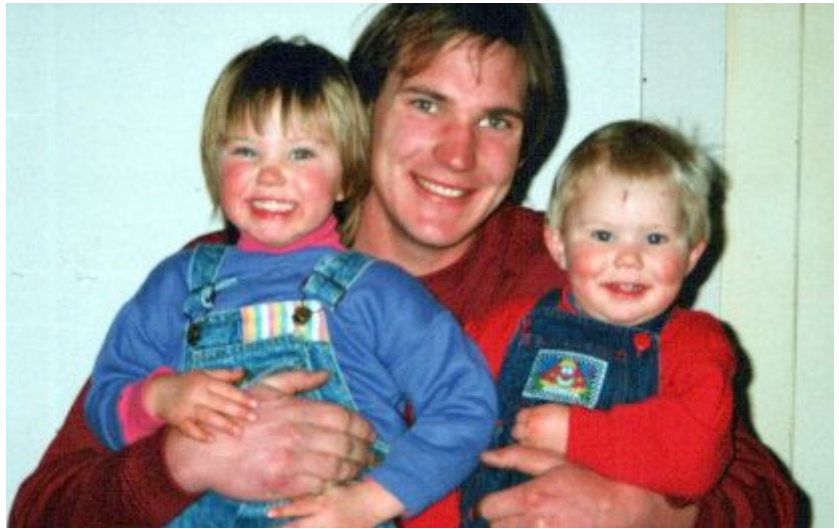


1992
Barrie and Helen's wedding

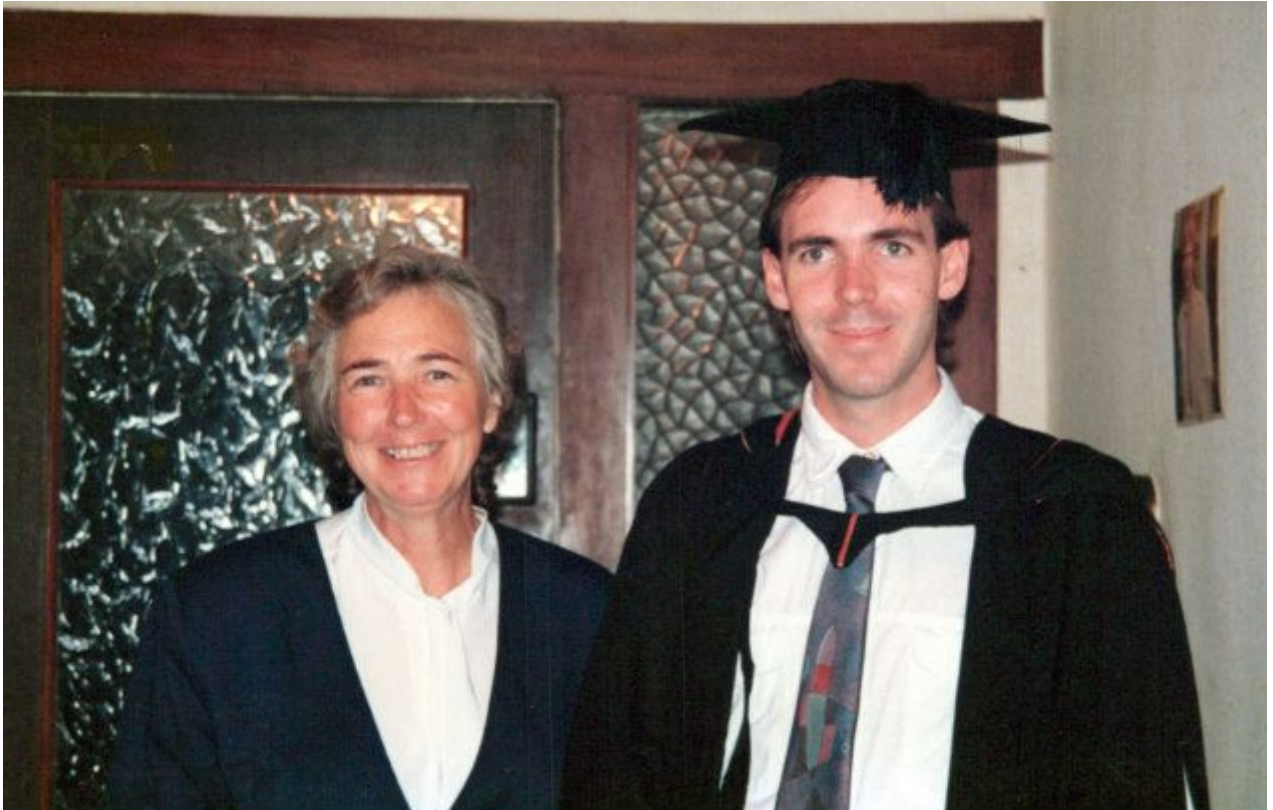


1993
Janice's 21st





1993/1994





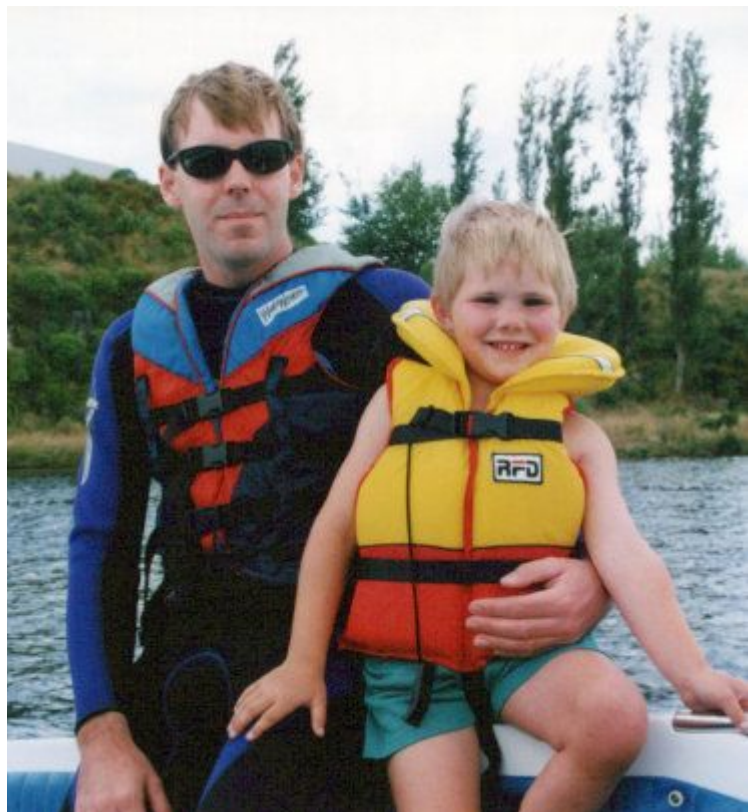
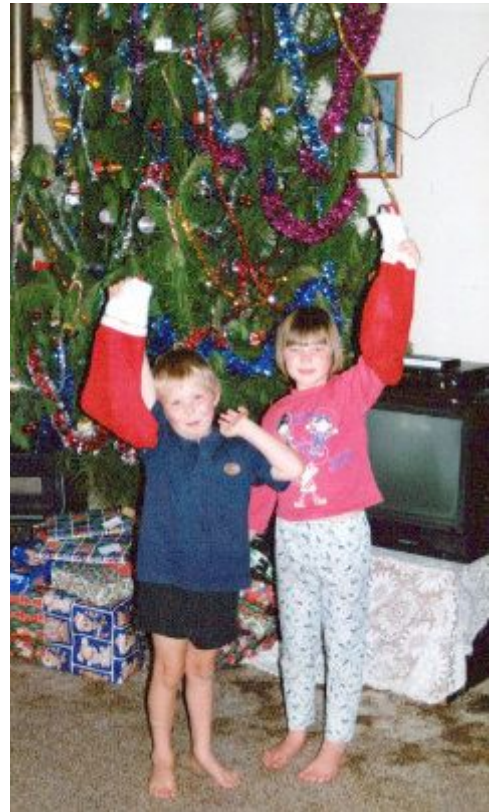
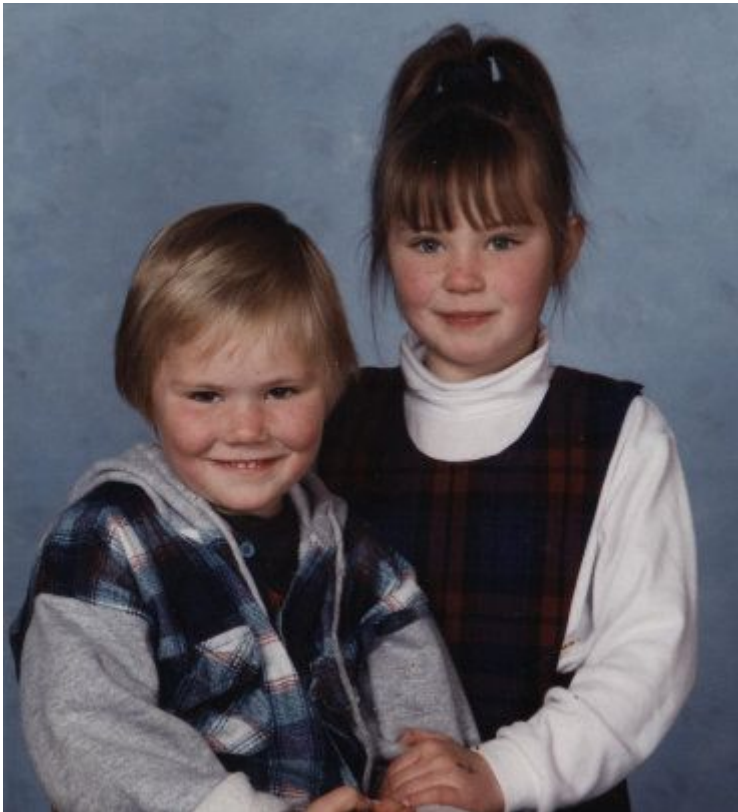


1995
Trip to Holland



1996

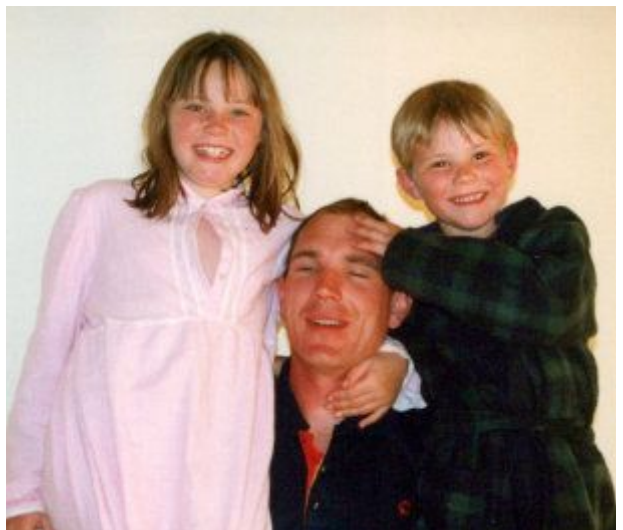
Top left: Marry's 60th





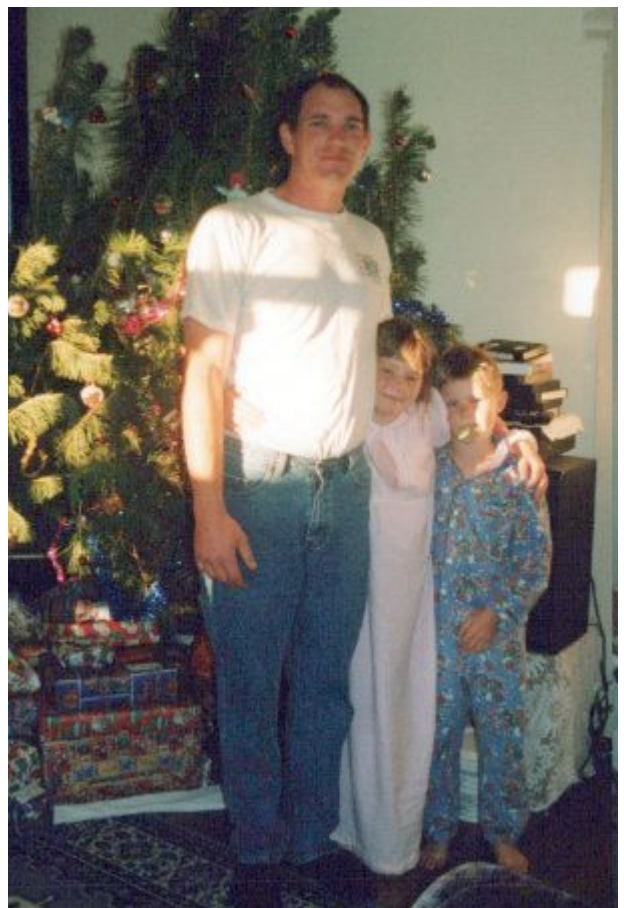
1998





1999

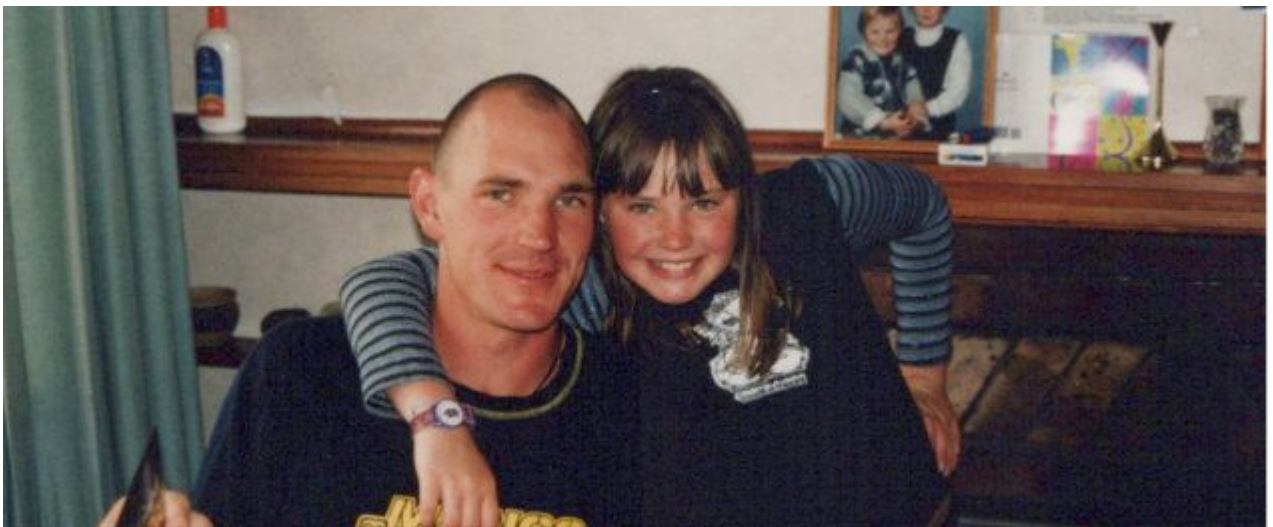
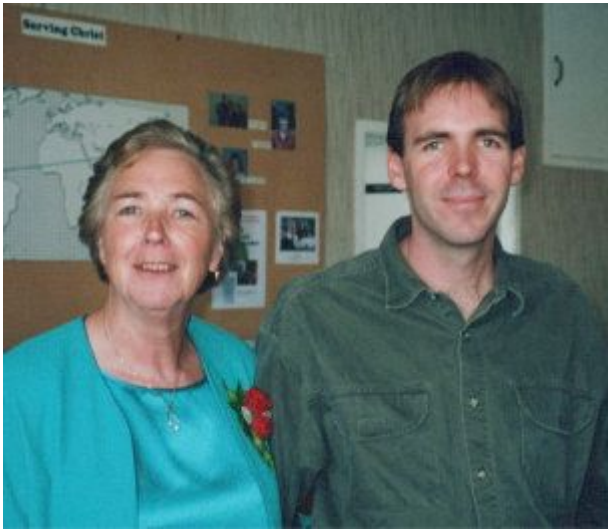
Bottom left: Klaas and Jeanne came for a visit to Cambridge









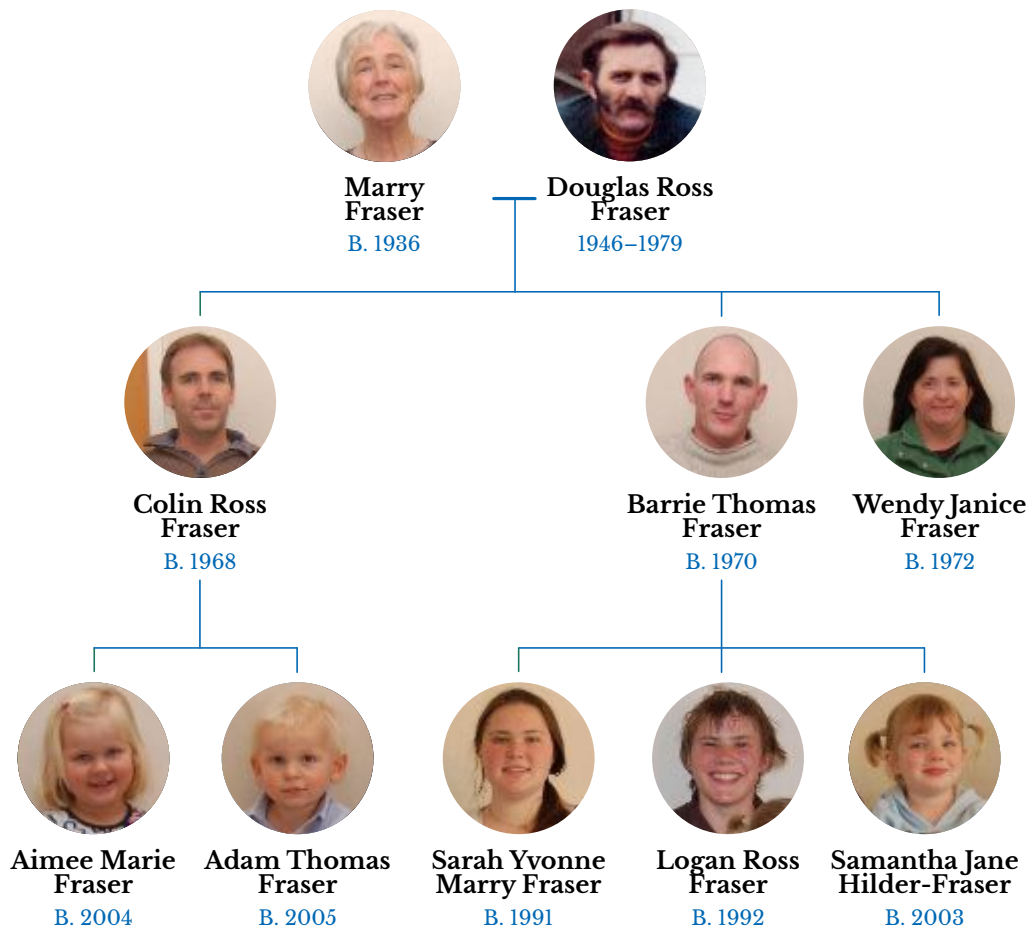






Becoming Oma... Round Two

2003–2009



Marry enjoyed the first set of grandchildren so much, she was super thankful to get another round of being Oma all over again!



Top, from left to right: A newly born Samantha (6th March 2003), Aimee (11th March 2004) and Adam (29th September 2005); Bottom: Grandparents day at Tamahere School a few years later



2003
Samantha





2005
Adam









2006
Marry's 70th



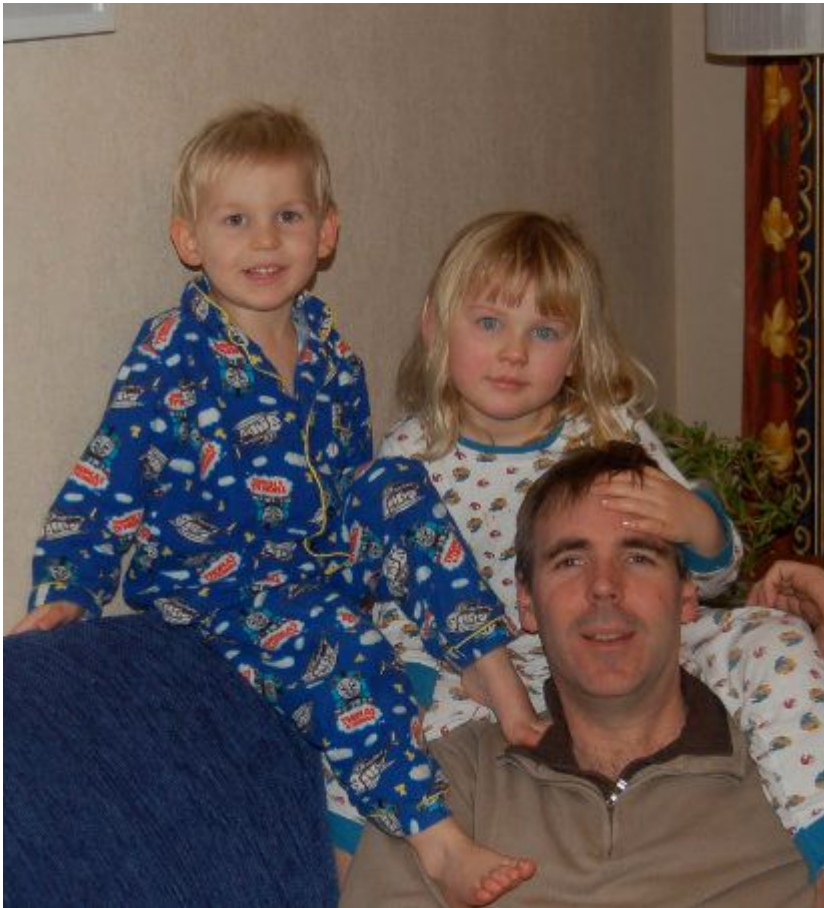












Family Through the Years

—2010s—

The kids got taller, the hair got greyer, and the family kept growing. More birthdays, more Christmases, and more yarns around the dining table.

















2013
Top: Logan's 21st













Oma's 80th 2016







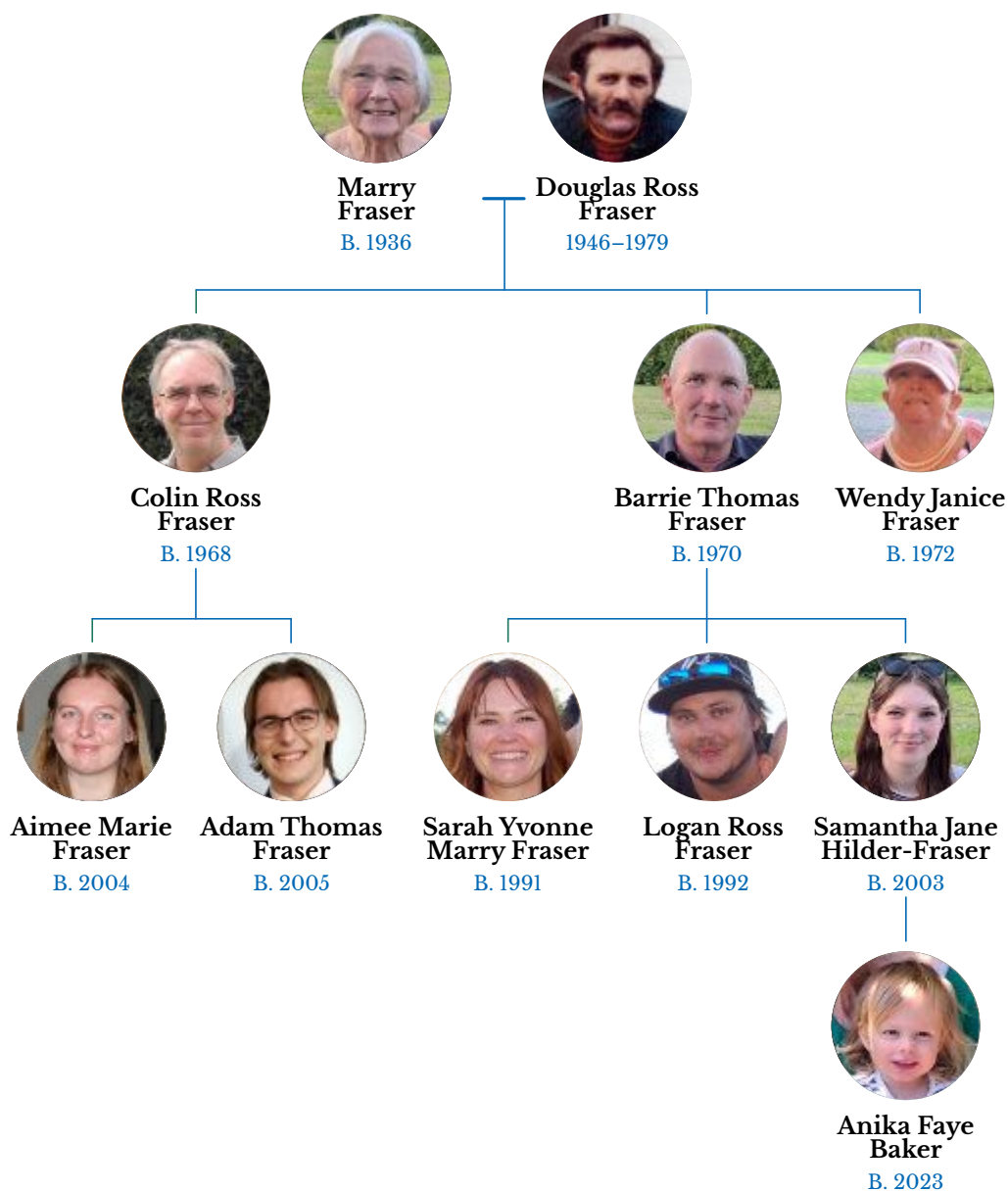






Becoming Great-Oma

2020s





















2023

Bottom right: Anika (Born 17th September 2023)



















2026

Where we are now

