

## **Obituaries for Barbara Young (1911 ~ 1985)**

### **A Lovely Lady**

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1985 was a sad day for the many people who attended the funeral of Barbara Young, wife of Max, at St Peter's Church, Barnes Bay.

Barbara, daughter of Len and Kate Bottomley spent her childhood at Lunawanna with her sister Agnes and brother Sefton. In 1926, the family moved to North Bruny and the girls completed their education at St. Mary's College in Hobart. Barbara became a teacher and after teaching at several places in Tasmania, moved to Victoria and taught at Mornington.

It was in 1966 that she married Max and returned to Bruny to live, firstly at Dennes Point and then Cloudy Bay. Later they moved to Middleton and then finally to Richmond.

Everywhere she lived, Barbara made friends and joined the local organisations giving service to the utmost of her ability. Everyone who knew her from her earliest days, her pupils, friends, acquaintances and relatives will remember her for her loving interest and sincere concern for all. As Fr Howard so aptly put it to the large gathering from near and far, from the past and the present, old and young, she was a Lovely Lady.

Born: 10<sup>th</sup> October 1911

Died: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1985

### **Obituary for Mrs Barbara Young as published in The Bruny News**

Mrs Barbara Young died suddenly on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1985, while holidaying at Coolah, NSW.

Barbara was a true Bruny person, having spent all her childhood life at South Bruny, then moving with her parents, Mr and Mrs Len Bottomley to Barnes Bay, where she spent her teenage years. After attending Primary School on Bruny, she finished her education at St Marys College and Teachers College in Hobart.

She was employed at the Education Department and taught in many schools throughout Tasmania. During the war she worked in a munition factory in Melbourne, staying in Victoria and teaching in Catholic Schools. Later she went overseas, teaching in various parts of the British Isles. About 18 years ago (1966) she married Max, living at Dennes Pt. and then moving to Cloudy Bay.

She was a very active CWA member, holding office of Secretary for many years and later becoming Channel Group President. After joining the Hospital Auxiliary and elected President, she had a membership drive and it grew from a small handful of people to a large Committee. Later she became Secretary and Vice-President of the Southern Council of Auxiliaries.

A large gathering of friends and relatives attended her funeral at St Peters, Barnes Bay. The service was conducted by Father G Howard who, when delivering his eulogy spoke of her devotion to her religious beliefs, her kindness and her friendliness, and her great love of Bruny.

Barbara will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Max, her sister Agnes, and all her nieces and nephews.

## Biography for Barbara Young

Barbara Bottomley was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1911 to Leonard Anderson Bottomley and his wife Miriam Kate (nee Still). The family was living on South Bruny Island at the time, where Len made a living selling lumber and maintaining a small farm near Lunawanna. Barbara was the second child in the family, having an elder sister Agnes and later, a brother Sefton.

Her early education was on Bruny Island where her mother was a teacher at both Adventure Bay school and Barnes Bay School. For secondary education she attended St Mary's College in Hobart as a boarder.

Upon completion of her secondary education, she trained as a primary school teacher at Hobart Teachers College, situated on the Queen's Domain. Upon graduation from her course she worked for the Education Department in several schools around Tasmania including the Barnes Bay Primary school in 1938.

During World War 2, Barbara worked in a munitions factory in Victoria, staying on afterwards, teaching in Victorian Catholic schools, particularly in Mornington.

A strong interest of Barbara's over the years was the guide movement. Several photos of her as a group leader, proudly wearing her uniform, exist. There are also copies of her warrants as Captain of Guides Companies in Moorooduc and Frankston, as well as her Warrant as the District Commissioner for Guides in Mornington.

Barbara travelled overseas after the war and visited Rome, Ireland and other parts of the British Isles. She also worked as a teacher there – particularly at a Scottish school in Kirkaldy (St Marius School?). During 1958, while still in Britain, there are cards of invitation for Barbara to meet the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, (3<sup>rd</sup> July), the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Falkland Palace (30<sup>th</sup> June 1958).

On her return to Australia, Barbara continued to teach at Mornington and joined the Soroptimist Club there.

In 1966, she married Max Young, a farmer on Bruny Island. (Max's first wife, Pat, had died the year before of breast cancer). Initially Max and Barbara lived on North Bruny on the farm "Nebraska". They later moved to a new house at Cloudy Bay, South Bruny.

Whilst still living on Bruny Island, Barbara joined the Country Womens Association (CWA) and the Royal Hobart Hospital Auxiliary. She was a very active CWA member, holding office of Secretary for many years and later becoming Channel Group President. After joining the Hospital Auxiliary and elected President, she had a membership drive and it grew from a small handful of people to a large Committee. Later she became Secretary and Vice-President of the Southern Council of Auxiliaries.

In 19XX? Barbara and Max moved to a farm at Middleton and later they moved to Schaw Street, Richmond.

Barbara died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1985 while visiting Tony and Tess (max's son and his wife) at Coolah NSW.

She was buried at St Peter's Church, Barnes Bay. Her Will made specific bequests to her nephews and nieces, which they valued greatly. She was a loving aunt, sister and wife and was sadly missed.