

JUDITH ANN HARFORD

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Judy was the youngest of the three children of Fred and Hazel. She was born in Broken Hill on 4 December 1948.

After the separation of her parents Judy was sent to live with her grandmother Flora Tucker. Flora was a tough lady and she was tough on Judy. She does not have happy memories of her time with her.

**Flora Tucker****Bill Tucker**

Judy went to numerous schools including North Primary School, St John's Primary School, Broken Hill High School, St Joseph's Catholic School, and All Saints School. Judy recalls being embarrassed by the way she was dressed by Flora. She was in second hand darned clothes and second hand shoes.

As time went on Flora became less interested in looking after Judy and she put into homes where she was looked after by nuns relieving Flora of the chore of looking after her. She would then come and take her back usually after a few weeks.

Flora became worse in her treatment of Judy especially after Flora's son Frederick John died in 1957. Fred was her youngest and favourite son and Flora had a nervous breakdown when. She went to Adelaide for three months and during this time Judy lived with her aunt Eunice (Schipanski). Judy was nine when he died and after that time whenever she returned home to Flora, Flora was nasty to her, displayed a foul temper and was horrid.

Flora's nasty treatment of people was not confined to Judy. By the time she was at High School Flora had pushed her husband Bill Tucker, who was a gentle, affable man, out of home into lodgings. Bill was probably very pleased with this as he would have had peace of mind that he did not have living with Flora.

On 26 April 1968 Judy married (Robert) **Bruce Rendell** at Broken Hill. Bruce was born at Broken Hill on 6 September 1947. They have three children:

Haidon Bruce Born 8 August 1968 at Broken Hill.

Dayna May Born 1 August 1969 at Broken Hill. Married Micheal Adams (Born 5 May 1972) on 13 March 2006 in Western Australia

Brooke Lee Born 20 June 1972 at Broken Hill.

Judy and Bruce have eight grandchildren.

Bruce attended school in Broken Hill at Wills Street Primary and Burke Ward old School. He went to Broken Hill High School and left with his Intermediate Certificate.

Bruce's first job was as an apprentice Baker and Pastry Cook. He left there and worked for FrankiePile Constructions doing construction work for Blast Furnaces. He next undertook diamond drilling work sub contracted to BHP in the exploration for minerals around Broken Hill.

Bruce was finally attracted by the money paid in the mines in Broken Hill and went to work in the Zinc Corporation (New Broken Hill Consolidated) Mine. This work was as a contract miner and they were paid by the ton. It was hard rock mining, a mile down underground and a mile wide. There was significant dust and no masks were worn and there were diesel machines emitting carbon monoxide fumes. It was a most unhealthy work environment but people did the work for the money.

Judy and Bruce had bought a house at 268 Knox Street but after there had been a few fatalities in the mines in 1974 they decided that Bruce should leave his job and that they would go to Western Australia.

Bruce got a job at the Mount Newman iron ore mine which is now part of the BHP Iron Ore operation. Judy waited in Perth until a house became available and she then moved to Mount Newman as well. Here Bruce and Judy raised their children and at an appropriate time Judy took a job at a swimming pool business. The person who owned the business died and Judy stayed on running it. She later bought the business.

In 1998 Bruce and Judy decided to return to South Australia. They had already bought a house at South Armagh near Clare and the place that Samuel Harford and his son Stephen had settled in the mid 1850's. They sold the swimming pool business at Newman and made the move to South Australia.

At Clare, Bruce did fencing work and other casual jobs. They were looking to buy a business but there was nothing suitable available. The move did not suit them and they decided to move on. They very soon went to Victor Harbour where they obtained a Beaumont Tiles franchise.

In 2003 Bruce and Judy moved back to Newman in WA. There Bruce again took a mining job and Judy bought back the swimming pool business. This was a good business with a retail outlet and a contract with BHP but it involved a lot of hard work (something that Judy is obviously not afraid of.)

In 2007 they moved back to South Australia to Kingston SE where they bought the Post Office and the associated residence. This Post Office was built in 1867 and is a wonderful building with significant heritage value and which has a heritage classification. The original building took years to build and there were very few, if any, built later on the same design or scale.

We visited Judy at the Kingston SE. Fortuitously, Bruce was also back for a few days leave from his mining job at Fortescue Mining Group's iron ore mine in WA where he has worked for the past six months. Their home has been very tastefully renovated and has modern features and fittings but retains the charm of the original 1867 building.

Judy and Bruce have the Post Office business on the market and when it is sold they will move back to WA.

Bruce and Judy have both worked very hard. Their next joint venture is retirement and they are both looking forward to returning to WA in a new location and a long, healthy and happy retirement there. They both deserve it.