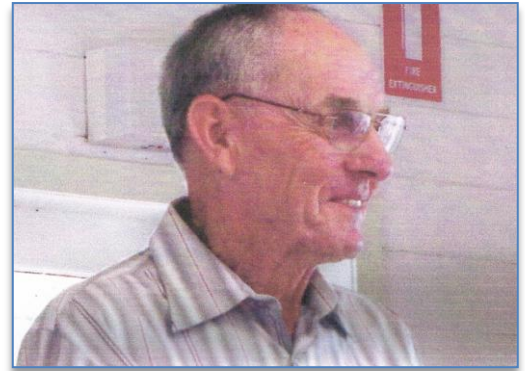


The Carbery Family

by **Vince Carbery** – former student and teacher

We arrived in Maleny on a rather cold winter's night in June, 1940. The eight of us, parents, five sons and one daughter-in-law, settled into life as share farmers at Witta, where we stayed for the next two and a half years before moving to another share farm closer to Maleny. Whilst at Witta, **Colin** finished his schooling at the local school and I started mine. 1943 was a very significant year as I moved to Maleny School and it also saw the tragic and untimely death of our father, **Harold**. Two brothers, **Selwyn** and **Marley**, joined the armed services. In 1944 we were back in Witta, dairy farming. In 1948 our eldest brother, **Frank**, lost his battle with a brain tumor. In mid 1951 we moved to Mountain View Road. At this stage our mother worked as a domestic at the Maleny Hospital and Colin was employed at Tesch's Mill. In 1965 Colin took up a position at the Maleny Butter Factory where he stayed until retirement. Mum passed away in 1966.

I finished my Primary education at Witta and then went to Nambour High School. Three people, my mother and two former teachers, **Mr. Oswin** and **Mr. Muller** were my inspiration to become a teacher. My first appointment was to Maleny Primary, Cedar Street in 1957, after I had completed National Service. It was during my first year of teaching that the school started the shift to the present position. **Ted Kelk** and I were the first two to move and spent the last month of the school year teaching under the then High School. Two years after being appointed to Maleny I was transferred to Jandowae, before returning to Maleny in 1963, retiring in 1993. **Val (Guille)** and I married in December, 1959. **Graeme** and **Catherine** were born whilst we were on the Darling Downs and **Susan** and **Alison**, after our return to Maleny. It was satisfying for us and them to complete all their Primary and Secondary Education in Maleny. We are very proud of what they have achieved. Two of our grand-children have started their schooling here on the Range.



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