

It is with great sadness that we announce the sad passing of our mum Mary Harris. Mum died on Tuesday 30th October in Brookfield's Care home with Dad by her side holding her hand. Mum was suffering from Alzheimer's and illnesses associated with this disease. Mum left her home in Southern Ireland on 6th March 1948 at the age of 18 to come to England. On arrival, she started work in the TB ward at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford. Mum met the love of her life our "Dad" Bazel Harris a year later whilst on a blind date. They were instantly smitten and inseparable; they married on 3rd February 1951.

Mum and Dad moved to Wheatley in 1952 where they lived in Robins Row, (just behind the Kings Arms where the flats on London Road are). In 1958, they moved to Elton Crescent where Dad still resides. Mum had 6 daughters, Anne, Dodie, Zena, Yvonne, Shirley and Jeanette, although sadly Jeanette died at birth.

Mum worked as a home help based in Wheatley. She spent all her life caring and looking after others, and would give up her own free time to ensure that anyone in need were safe, happy, well fed and not lonely. Even though she worked so hard she still always found time for Dad and us girls, we knew we were loved so much.

Our Mum was just exceptional, and the thought that we won't see her again is heart-breaking, but we have such wonderful memories to think about when we are down. My Dad, sisters and I would like to express our thanks to all those lovely people in Wheatley who helped us during the final years of Mums life as her illness was taking effect. We truly appreciate your help and support in keeping Mum safe during this time.

Yvonne Hamlet (nee Harris) on behalf of my Dad and Sisters.