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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Collins Connect acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we live and pays its respect to the Elders past and present.



"Our Lives are unique and very special" Brenda Jobard

ADELAIDE (COLLINS)

Mabel Antoinette

(FERNANDEZ) (C

Anastasia Brenda
(D'SOUZA)

David

SELVEY

Reflection on the words of **Brenda Jobard** "Memories are part of the continuing history of one's family and once we are gone will be forgotten".

Collins Connect reflects on the interesting life of Brenda Jobard (formerly D'Souza). Brenda was born to parents Mabel Antoinette (Fernandez) and Emmanuel Stephen D'Souza, the eldest of 10 children. Growing up with a large family had its own challenges but Brenda never waned from supporting her mother and siblings after the sudden death of her dad Stephen in 1943.

After school, Brenda trained to be a teacher and held a teaching position at Good Shepherd Convent, Bangalore. During the early 1940's rumours and radio news

broadcasting the fear of war was spreading in the east with fear of the Japanese invasion, calls went out for both men and women to enrol in the services.

It wasn't long that the intrigue found Brenda enrolled in the Air Defence Centre stationed at Madras, at a highly secret location with intense security that was to be used for intelligence. Brenda soon found her teaching skills in practice, conducting training to British airmen on the geography of India. Working night shift on mapping and graphs of the Telex/Plotter sheet was interesting work. On the 11th October 1943, whilst on night shift the plotting of the 2 Japanese aircraft 20 miles off Madras Coast was identified but Madras Harbour and Fort St George was hit by the Japanese.



Brenda served as a Sergeant with the Women's Auxiliary Corp (WAC(I) from 19th August 1942 to 4th November 1946 when India was granted independence.

Discharged from the Women's Auxiliary Corps, Brenda returned to teaching at various locations and soon found love with Toni Selvey. David born a year later and was the focus of Brenda's life, nurturing and educating him into adulthood. After her divorce, Brenda married Dennis Jobard, a wonderful musician, a great music lover and a caring loving husband until his death in 1970.

Brenda migrated to Australia joining David and his family, sharing, helping and watching her precious six grandchildren grow into young adults. Brenda lived a full life in Melbourne Australia and died in 2018 aged 97 years. A life that was loved and cherished.



CONGRATULATIONS Bryan and Kathy Biggs on your 40th Wedding Anniversary on the 14th February 2021. Wishing you both a very happy Ruby Wedding Anniversary. May you continue to be blessed with good health, wealth, love, peace and happiness. Showers of God's abundant blessings on both of you to see many more years to come.

With very best wishes from The Collins Connect family

LET'S WELCOME MARCH!

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold...when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens

POSTIVE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Every morning empty your mind of unhappy thoughts as you empty your pockets, and come alive.

Remind yourself, "**This is it**". The present moment is the only thing that exists. The past is gone; the future may not arrive.

The next time you witness something great that is accomplished, or see someone's child (or your own) doing a good deed, be sure to pass on the positive news.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—8th March 2021



"A day to recognise how far we've come towards gender equality and how far we have to go. 8 March is a time for us to join voices with people around the world."

International Women's Day

Celebrating all the wonderful talented women in the Collins Connect family. Each week Collins Connect will feature a Collins female from the past, the present and the future. Stay connected on our website to view each of them.

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