

## Beryl (Slavin) Kolman – my short story

After matriculating in 1962, with the rest of you (!), I went into hairdressing and qualified in 1964 and 5 years later, in 1969, opened my own Hair Salon, '**Beryl's Boutique**' in Harrison Street, Johannesburg. I worked as a hairdresser till 1995.



Beryl with her two daughters-in-law

In 1971, I married Sidney Kolman and in 1975 gave birth to my first wonderful son, Garon, followed a year later by my second blessing, Jarod. When he was 18 months old I went back to work.

I have been a spiritualist and healer since the age of 17, and I attended Spiritualist Church for 25 years and am now the oldest living member.

My wonderful mother died in 1995 and I slipped a disk in my back resulting in me having a discectomy and I gave up hairdressing overnight and took up Ikebana – Japanese flower arranging. I had no flowers in my home only plants, as I never liked the Western style of flower arranging.

I studied Ikebana for 15 years under an incredible master – went to Japan for the 8th World Congress where I met up with my teacher who had emigrated there to the United States of America – what a wonderful experience. I became president of Ikebana International in South Africa and in 2013 I attended a meeting with the Head Mistress of my Ikebana School in Los Angeles where I reunited with my teacher.

I studied Jewish History at Chabad (twice a week) for many years. I travelled to the USA for every important family occasion to see my sister Merle in Florida as well as my brother Roy in San Diego.

I thoroughly enjoy cooking and baking and desserts are my speciality and have worked with my son Jarod who is a property entrepreneur. I also teach English once a week to Grade 2 students.



I am now a granny to a precious grandson Adam Noah, born to my younger son, Jarod, in June 2012.

My eldest son got married in February 2013 and I now have two delightful daughters in law.



Garon's wedding: left-to-right  
Kerri (Jarod's wife), Sidney (husband),  
Valyn and Garon, Beryl, and son Jarod.



Garon's wedding: left – to –right  
daughter-in-law Kerri, bride Valyn  
groom Garon, Jarod, grandson Adam.

We spend annual holidays at Kruger Park Lodge and three weekends per year at another game park which is one hour away as my husband loves the bush.

***What a wonderful life!***

Beryl

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