

Cheryl (Michels) Waner



Top Row: Linda Joffe; Roslyn Gilbert; Yvonne Wagner; Brenda Russel; Helene Kendall

Middle Row: Paula Myers; Alwyn Sherman; Paul Cunningham; David Coombes; Max Salminis; Christopher James

Bottom Row: Sheila Posen; Cheryl Michels; Gerard van den Boogard; Janet Kaufmann; Denise Broady; Rene Chait

Absent: Catharine Gien; Helene Toker

Life after Northview!

After gratefully finishing school and even more grateful to pass matric I spent a year at teachers training college. Apparently one has to physically be there in order to get enough credits to write the exams So I left and did Medical Technology where I worked at Lancet Laboratories for a few years, holidayed overseas and generally had fun. Well it was the 60s!!

In 1971 I met and married Eddie Waner and I'm happy to say we've been together for 43 years.

I left Northview with 3 skills.

- a) A love of cooking (thanks to Mrs McCorkell) and
- b) able to do Latin declensions (in spite Mr Cullen) and
- c) to recite soliloquies from Hamlet (thanks to divine lessons with Peter Lynsky).

After getting married and using my cooking skills, a friend and I went into catering and then opened a restaurant at the Diamond Club and later at Kaufies. After about 10 years I left the food business and was privileged to work for Rabbi Fachler at Waverly Shul. When he immigrated I went into property and 13 years later am still an Estate Agent with Adrienne Hersch Properties.

In retrospect I didn't know the years I spent at Fairmount and then at Northview would give me the best gift which was a lifetime of precious friendship with Paula and Helene. For that reason alone, the memories I have of Northview will always be with me.

I was devastated when Paula died at the age of 49, and then a few years ago Helene in Melbourne. My deepest regret was going over when Helene was so ill and not while she was well. It was such a sad lesson in my life. Another great sadness was losing Cathy Gien who died soon after her daughter Gila.



Paula, me and Helene



Paula and me



Sheila and Paula

The Girls:

Cheryl, Reva, Rene, Janet, Cathy, Elaine, Helen, Sheila, Helene, Paula



And now for happier times. -

I married a very special man, Eddie, and we have 2 sons. Laurence has his own business and Jonti is a Radiologist. As they both get their brains from me I don't know why I wasn't in the "clever" class! The best thing they ever did was marry



wonderful partners. Laurence and Mark have just adopted a Staffie, Angus and Jonti and Nikki have 2 gorgeous children, Mia Rose and Jesse. Mia is 6 and looks so cute with no front teeth and Jess will be 4 in July 2014.



Laurence & Mark, Me & Eddie

Nikki and Jonathan with Jesse and Mia Rose , me and Eddie

I left school with a feeling of freedom and relief and the fantastic reunion we have just had with old school friends (Melrose, Feb 2014) made me think of those special fun filled times and of how much Mr Harrison, his wonderful teachers and my special friends helped shape my life.



Special Teacher:
Mr and Mrs Mac at her wedding

.... and to conclude, something about my late friends:

Paula married Les Furman and had 2 wonderful children Marc and Lara who have 3 boys each

Helene married Les Gerber and had 3 gorgeous girls and a granddaughter Nikita. They all live in Melbourne, Australia



Nikita (granddaughter), Natalie,
Joanne and Wendy Gerber

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