

## **Reva (Morris) Rosmarin – My story**

I had to leave school before the end of our matric year as my father passed away. It was necessary for me to go to a secretarial college to get a diploma so that I could start working as soon as possible.

After getting my diploma I worked for Solicitors, Auditors and in a commercial company as a Private Secretary. I continued to play netball which kept me in contact with my peers from school.



In 1967 I married Brian Rosmarin. We have three sons:

Reva with her husband, Brian Rosmarin

Michael (44) married to an Australian, Michelle. They have 2 children Hannah (15) and Ethan (12).  
Trevor (42) married to a Singaporean, Lyn. They have a daughter Kenzi (5 months)  
Rodney (40) married to a South African, Kelly. They have 2 girls, Sienna (9) and Saige (7).

During my sons' school years in South Africa I was very involved in their school – on the PTA, coaching netball at the primary school, organised a Fashion Show to raise money, taught gym class to young girls and needless to say watched all their sport matches.

We decided to immigrate to Australia 27 years ago and have never looked back. We are thrilled with our decision as it gave all three of our sons opportunities of travelling, studying and independence which they may not have been able to enjoy. It also has enabled us to be near all of them. They have all done exceptionally well in their fields. Luckily the oldest and youngest live in Australia. Our middle son lives in Singapore.

Emigration was very difficult in the beginning. I was the only one with a job, working for a photographic company, Photo Marketing Association organising conventions for 800 people in the photography industry. It was a big challenge. Trying to keep house (which one was not used to) husband looking for employment and children to attend to. It is just amazing how things work out and when one looks back there are no regrets and we just love living in Sydney.

The accent and phrases of the South Africans were difficult for the Australians to understand, and needless to say we are now speaking the Australian way – e.g. no longer saying “*Just Now*” which means right away as opposed to sometime later.

I then worked for a photographic chain of stores called Colour Care as a P.A. for a few years when I was approached to work as the P.A./Administrator for the Jewish War Memorial to handle all the administration of the building which houses all the Jewish Organisations and the Jewish Museum. Another challenge but enjoyed that job for 15 years. I decided to retire at the end of 2010 so that I could spend time with my ailing mother of 93 years as well as being hands on with my grandchildren. Luckily and happily, I am very involved with all of the grandchildren.

I enjoy going to gym nearly every day and play bridge 3 to 4 times a week. I also enjoy ballet, theatre, movies and going on walks over the week-end as well as dinning out.



It was very exciting starting high school with our legendary Head Master Eric Harrison in the pre fab classrooms. How fortunate to have had him as our primary and high school Head Master. I remember so clearly the excitement when we moved into the new building of our school. It was so big and well equipped. Then completion of the unbelievable sports fields. I enjoyed and took part in all the sports and social activities of the school – not much of an academic.!!

Looking back at the years we all spent lots of funny, naughty and great memorable times together. It is so sad that so many of our classmates have passed away.



The Family

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