

## Estelle (Kagan) Brodie (revised)

I left Northview at the same time as you all did, and went to work for a computer company.

Over the following 20 years, I

- married Nate, a Chartered Accountant
- had, and raised, four wonderful children
- worked part time and freelanced for 3 different computer companies, mainly programming, programme and software maintenance and, utilizing my teaching skills and experience, giving courses to clients
- obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science from Wits

Estelle with her granddaughter, Ellen



In 1982 Karin, my oldest, and I joined Wits University; she as a student and I as a lecturer in Information Systems in the Faculty of Commerce. Over the next 12 or so years my children obtained a variety of degrees from Wits, 1 MSc, 1 MEd, 2 BSc Hons, 1 BA Hons., 2 B Scs, 1 BA and 1 BCom, and I am very proud to say that they were all obtained with distinction. I also got a MEd degree.

I retired from Wits in 1998. Since then I acted as Chairman of our building's Board of Trustees for about 10 years, have played a lot of (mediocre) bridge, and done a great deal of reading, sewing and travelling.

Below is a photo of my wonderful family taken in 2011 on the occasion of my husband's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was the last time that we were all together.



From left to right:

- Su, determinedly single, lives in England in Bracknell, and works as a marketing and communications writer;
- Lynn, is married to Karin my oldest, standing just behind her. Lynn and Karin, who has a PhD from Stanford in Math Education; both teach at Wits in the Faculty of Education.
- Then it's me, and to my left at the back is Ros, my "baby" also determinedly single, who works in SA as a freelancer in sports media.

- next to me is my darling husband of almost 50 years, Nate,
- then the Americans; my son Mark, and his wife Carolyn, who both have PhDs in Computer Science from University of Illinois at U-C, and teach at Simpson College, a small private Liberal-arts college in Iowa
- last, but not least, the light of my life, their daughter Ellen who is now 7.

*Estelle*

Editor's Notes:

- The quintessential TEACHER in Estelle (aka 'Miss Kagan') could not resist *marking* her story published in the Melrose Edition (Feb 2014) and sent her requested changes with the note below:

**As you can see, the urge to "correct" is still strong after all these years**

- Estelle is NOT the sister-in-law of Janet Levitt ( Kaufman), as erroneously reported elsewhere by Max Salminis, (- naughty boy! - ) but she is the sister-in-law of Evelyn Kaufman, Janet's sister.

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