

Albert (Maxwell) STURTZEL & Gloria (Nancy) STURTZEL, nee WAY

Biography as published in 1995

Albert (Maxwell) was born 10/3/1914, Thebarton, S.A.

Parents : Eva (nee McLean) & Albert Sturtzel

Grandparents : Sarah (nee Thompson) & Allan (jnr) McLean

G-Grandparents : Catherine (nee Dawson) & Allan (snr) McLean

GG-Grandparents : Jane (nee Hamilton) & James Dawson and Christina (nee Phee) and Donald McLean

Max, an amateur cyclist and road racer, won numerous trophies. In 1932, a promotional cycle ride from Adelaide to Melbourne and back for Myer Emporium was repeated two years later. He also appeared in Musical Comedies in many Adelaide theatres, as a specialty tap dancer (member of a trio) eg. "Victoria and Her Hussai" at the Theatre Royal.

Married: Gloria (Nancy) Way (b. 10/9/1919) at St. Paul's, Pultney St. Adelaide.

Her occupation: Millinery shop proprietress.

Residence: the house built by his father at Filsell St., Thebarton.

They had 3 children :-

1. Lance Maxwell Sturtzel born 8/8/1942. Married twice. 1st: to Heather Muriel Duthie. Divorced - 2 sons – Richard & Craig. 2nd marriage to Cheryl Althild Kristiansen (surname Moe used) - 2 sons – Ronald & Jeremy. Lance was an accomplished pianist and drummer. Entertained professionally with many bands for 30 years including a band with his sister, Carole and niece Rebecca. Occupation: Landscape gardener and brick paver. Residences: Fulham, Highbury, Fairview, S.A.
2. Carole Eva Sturtzel, born 21/5/1944. Pop Vocalist and Country Singer, whose career commenced in 1961. She appeared on many Television Shows in South Australia for 10 years eg. "Teentime" (Ch. 9) "Country and Western Hour" (Ch. 9), "Country Style" (Ch. 7), "Seventeeners" (Ch. 7) etc. She is still performing today and has been entertaining for 34 years to date (1995). Residence: Blackwood, S.A. Married twice - 1st: Jeffrey Thompson. Divorced – 2 children Matthew & Rebecca. (Rebecca was Country and Bluegrass Singer/Guitarist. Named 1993 Starmaker of the Year in the Australian Country Music Awards at Tamworth. N.S.W. and won a Golden Guitar Award for Best New Talent in 1994. Uses the professional name of Beccy Cole and now resides in Sydney, enabling her to expand her career opportunities.) Carole's second
3. Philip Charles Sturtzel born 26/11/1951. Bootmaker by trade - top apprentice for two consecutive years. Occupation: Bootmaker. Landscape gardener and brickpaver. Residence: Golden Grove, S.A. Married twice. 1st: Lynette Elizabeth Robertson. Divorced - one son – Adam. 2nd marriage to Glenda Sandell.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 92 & 93. • COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere. • CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree. • CONTACT : Visit our website www.christinaanddonaldmclean.com or Strathalbyn Museum phone 08 8536 2656 to discover more about your family – and about privacy and copyright.
