

Hazel Myrtle BRANDRETH, nee CARLESS & Roderick (Rod) Gary BRANDRETH

Biography as published in 1995

Hazel Myrtle Carless b. 30/10/1935 at Thornlie Hospital, South Perth.

Parents : Myrtle Annie Carless (nee Johnston) & Frederick Clive Carless

Grandparents : Elizabeth Ann Johnston (nee McLEAN) & Matthew Johnston

G-Grandparents : Margaret McLean (nee Tannahill) & Hugh (the younger) McLean

G-G-Grandparents : Christina McLean (nee McPhee) & Donald McLean

Her occupation; Registered nurse.

Married: **Roderick (Rod) Gary Brandreth** (origins England) at St. Peters Anglican Church, Victoria Park.

His occupation: Post Masters General Dept.

Residences: as shown in the history.

History: Hazel was born prematurely and very tiny, so that she struggled to survive. She was reared from the family home of her parents with whom she lived until her marriage. She had met Rod Brandreth six years earlier as members of the church where they married in 1958. Their first child was born at Perth prior to their removal by the P.M.G. Dept to Kalgoorlie for 6 years and there two more sons were born.

In childhood she attended Forrest St. Primary School, South Perth & Kent Street Senior High School, Bently. Her interest in helping professions began early and she was a volunteer with St. John's Ambulance for many years. In August 1953 she began her nursing career and graduated in 1956 from Royal Perth Hospital and as a midwife in 1958 at King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women, at Subiaco.

Further transfers saw the Brandreths living in Wagin (one year) and at Quairading for six years. At the latter, a central wheatbelt town, Hazel worked part time as a Double Certificated Nurse and took an interest in the development of children and the founding of a Cub Scout pack and the running of a large Sunday School with the Anglican Church. She was involved with women's discussion groups and modern social issues, a community development programme.

When Rod became ill and required specialist medical care the family moved back to Perth (1972) and lived at Padbury. His health improved and Hazel furthered her interest in nursing, becoming the first metropolitan Public Health Nurse with the Community Health Services from 1972 to 1993. Her nursing career encompassed field nursing, management, staff development and a strong interest in complimentary healing. In 1975 she attained a Community Nursing Diploma from the Western Australian Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts (Education) in 1991 and has been a Fellow of the College of Nursing since 1981.

Her husband shared her interest in community development, spirituality and healing which has over the years led to the development of the Turret Centre of healing run from their home which continues to this day.

Children :-

1. Craig Alan Brandreth b. 23/9/1959 at King Edward Memorial Hospital Perth, W.A. (Subiaco). Occupation: Graphic & Landscape designer. Married: Susan May Downie at Girrawheen, W.A. Residence: Beldon, W.A. Three children – 1987, 1989 & 1994
2. Stuart Gregory Brandreth b. 21/8/1961 at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco, Perth. Occupation: Sales representative. Married: Vicki Lyn McLennan at Wanneroo, W.A. Residence: Beldon, W.A. Two children – 1985 & 1988.
3. Andrew Timothy Brandreth b. 24/8/1963 at Kalgoorlie Regional District Hospital Occupation: Sales representative. Married: Sharon Louise Baldwin at Sorrento, W.A. Residence: Bindoon, W.A. Children: Their 1st expected in August 1995.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 560 & 561.
- 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.
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