

Patricia Anne LONG, nee LODER

Victor John LONG

Biography as published in 1995

Patricia Anne Loder b. 18/2/1937 at Perth, W.A.

Parents : Clover Loder (nee Johnston) & Robert Cecil Loder

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

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

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

Married: at Merredin, W.A. **Victor John Long** (b. 1927) and removed to Perth in 1963.

Residence: (1995) Morley, Perth, W.A.

History: as written by herself with a composite photo showing all her interests & activities.

"I found out in my last year at school, that if you work hard and want something enough, you can usually achieve your goal. I have tried to apply that philosophy to my life. After my marriage in 1958, I left work to raise my four children, returning to study for my certificate in Onglaze Painting. This enabled me to teach part-time for TAFE, which I did for 15 years. I have won many awards for my china and glass painting and have paintings throughout the world. The highlight of my painting has been the donation of a hand painted dinner set to the Merredin Museum, which depicts my family's many happy years there.

For the past 12 years, I have been support crew to my sons, who are State and Australian White Water Canoeing representatives. My other interests are cake decorating and collecting whiskey jugs, a hobby started by acquisition of a jug owned by my grandfather. Recently I have also taken up stained glass window making, which I have found very rewarding. The highlight or 1993 for me, was entering the Master's Milk Carton Regatta, with my entry MISHA-K9, which I had created in the shape of our dog's head. It was a great day as many family and friends joined in the fun.

Recently I have had the opportunity to travel and my ambition is to travel to as many different places in Australia as I can. I have toured Western Australia and Northern Australia fairly extensively, and am off to Tasmania soon. As a memento of my travels, I have collected souvenir spoons from each of the towns and am building up quite a collection!

In 1979, I started research about my grandmother, Elizabeth McLean in response to a call for information on early settlers families for the Western Australian Bi-Centennial celebrations. I am a member of the Clan MacLean Assoc. of W.A., and my husband is a member of the Hotham Valley Railway, being the driver of the first train trip of this tourist railway."

Children:

1. **Vicki Patricia Long** - b. 28/12/1958, Merredin, W.A. Unmarried. History: & photo with her horse. "I was born in Merredin and the family moved to Perth when I was 4 years old. After finishing High School, I started work with the State Health Laboratories where I still work. Soon after starting work, I bought my first horse and I have become increasingly involved in the equestrian sports over the years. I completed the Certificate in Equine Management, achieving the top student award for W.A. and am currently the President of Gngarara Adult Equestrian Club. My other hobbies include ceramics and reading."

2. **Karen Margaret Long** - b. 20/1/1961, Merredin, W.A. Unmarried. Residence: Darwin, N.T. History: written by herself. "Although born in Merredin, Western Australia, I grew up in the Perth suburb of Morley after moving there with my family at the age of 2. After finishing High School, I studied at Curtin University, completing a Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy in 1982. I have worked as an occupational therapist in hospitals in Perth as well as England, having travelled through Britain and Europe on a working holiday in 1985. In 1990, after 5 years of part time study, I completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences also from Curtin University. Whilst working as an Occupational Therapist, I have been involved with the Occupational Therapy Association and have presented lectures at State and National conferences held in Perth. In 1988 I decided that owning my own home would be a good idea and started buying a duplex half in Dianella, a northern suburb of Perth. With the help of family and friends I discovered gardening, painting and decorating. After four years living in Dianella I decided to have a look at the top end of Australia and moved to sunny Darwin in August 1992. In Darwin I've enjoyed travelling to Kakadu and Litchfield parks and have tried my hand at snorkelling and bushwalking. So Darwin is home for the moment, although I'm not sure for how long."
3. **Darryl Robert Gary Long** - b. 20/10/1962, Merredin, W.A. Unmarried. Residence: Ashfield, Perth, W.A. History: written by himself. "I started competition canoeing at 17 & first won a 24 hour marathon with a distance of 202 kilometres. This led me to paddle in the Avon descent in 1981 with Ian Vincent, & enabled us to win on my 1st attempt. At present I have won the whitewater singles class 10 times out of 13 starts & finished 2nd & 3rd in others. This led me to compete in Downriver canoeing & I have held the title for 4 years. The highest result I obtained in Australia was 3rd in the 1993 single champs. Teams champion 1988 8-1990. Overseas in 1990 in the pre-world champs in Yugoslavia I enjoyed paddling on rivers in Europe. Canoeing and making my own kayaks has led to a career in aviation fibre glass. I am involved in developing hi-tech composite racing cars, model yachts, racing wheel chairs & gliders. I have designed & built my own milk carton boat & presently have been the fastest at the "Masters Milk Carton Regatta" this past 2 years. Due to my involvement in water sports in 1992 I invested in a house in walking distance from the river, my training place. My achievements in kayaking are recorded in "Canoeing Down Under" by Terry Bolland"
4. **Neil Raymond Christopher Long** - b. 22/5/1965, Perth, W.A. Residence: Family home, Morley, W.A. Unmarried. History: written by himself. "I was born at St. Anne's Hospital, Perth and educated at Money Senior High School. I was apprenticed as an Electrical Fitter to the Water Authority of WA and after completion of training employed as a field service electrician. After four years of service I was promoted to Relieving Leading Hand. In 1980 my brother and I became involved in the sport of Canoeing and most particularly White Water Canoeing which has led to me becoming a member of the Australian Wildwater Team to the World Championships in 1991 and 1993. My involvement in the sport has enabled me to travel throughout Australia, Europe and New Zealand in 1991 I trained in France for 5 months and achieved creditable positions in the World Championships. Besides canoeing, my other hobbies include the construction of my competition canoes and kayaks, ballroom dancing, mountain biking and photography."

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 564 to 567.
- 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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