January 2001

Gwendolin Rose Pallet nee Hayward was born to Frederick Charles and Alma nee Webb on March 22nd 1913

Mr Webb was a boilermaker by trade while his wife Alma worked at Compton. They lived in Gorse Hill and Alma died in 1970.

Gwen had two brothers!

She started school at Queendown School in College Street being taught by Miss Holliday, she progressed to Head girl before leaving at 14 yrs.

Her first job was as a shorthand typist with Stanley's a garage and Showroom in Old Town she had returned to night school in order to learn her skill.

Gwen and Tony met at Clarence street School and they both joined the Great Western Sports Club. Tony worked in the Mileage office at the factory then entered the School of Economics

They married in St Marks Church Swindon on 7th Sept 1940 and travelled to Salcombe for their Honeymoon. where amongst other things they watched fireworks from across the river.

They returned to 38 Southview Avenue Swindon which they purchased for £530.00.

Tony taught at night school in order to earn extra money and was soon made up to Deputy Manager for British Rail.

Their daughter Josephine was born on January 7th 19 and the family then moved to London

On April 14th 1972 they moved to GWAR HAPSI in Broad Town the name being that of a Mattress Bay which they had grown very fond of. during their many visits.

After retirement they helped run the Wootton Bassett Luncheon Club at Ridgeway House which had 30 members for about 19 yrs.

Gwen was also a member of the Town Womens Guild, Westbrook Bowls Club where she reached County level, Treasurer to the Church, President to W.I and served on Hge Concern Committee

Gwen and Tony enjoyed many holidays together over the years, cruising especially visiting America Alaska, Canada and Africa many times.

The Caribean, Malta and Spain where also favorite places.

In June 2000 whilst having her hair painted she fell off a chair, resulting the breaking of her right Femur in her leg. This meant a stay of 5 weeks in Princess Margarets Hospital and 13 weeks convalescing in the Cedars Home Purton.

She later returned home and with the help of a Zimmer frame and sticks managed her life very well. Her Home became a bit much for her and so she looked for a Flat in Wootton Bassett This she managed to buy and in February of 2001 moved into 21 The Mallorys