Irene Beatrice Mary Clivers was born to William Thomas & Elizabeth Agnes Clivers on 26th February 1936 at No 83 Back Lane Broad Town She has Two Sisters Primrose Elizabeth, November 29th 1914 Elsie Joy April 13th 1924 and one brother William Edward August 19th 1921 After a while they moved to 82 Back Lane and then down to No 55 Red Hills before moving to No 59 Red Hills, in 1961 where she continues to live.

She started School at Broad Town where she was taught by Miss Shelley and Mrs Wise. Mrs Reece was the Head Teacher and would administer the rules as a deterrent for any trouble.

On her way to school she would often encounter a Billy goat which would torment her whilst being tethered in The Close. Race horses being exercised up and down the Hill were also a threat as was Mr Edwards cows as they were driven down the road from East End Farm to their fields next to the school. It was not unusual to encounter American soldiers, accompanied by outriders on motor cycles driving tanks and armoured vehicles up the Hill during the early mornings.

As a young girl she would exercise neighbors dogs, sometimes receiving a half penny or preferably a toffee.

At the age of 11. in 1947 she was struck with Polio and spent 2 weeks in the Chippenham isolation Hospital She was then moved to Bath on Nov 3rd 1947 to the Orthopedic Hospital where she stayed until Dec 22nd 1948.

During this time she was visited once or two days each month

the first Sunday and the second Saturday by her mum and dad who paid Mr Sheppard £20 for the journey. During this time she received schooling two days each week.

When she left Hospital and returned home it was with a caliper on each leg, steel brace around her body and splints on both hands and it was necessary to be taken to Stratton Hospital twice weekly for Physiotherapy until she could manage without her aids.

She left school at the age of 15 and was very good at knitting which she enjoyed doing for anyone who wanted jumpers scarves gloves etc also baby sitting at the age of 17 she was paid 18/6p per week for her disability and started caring for elderly people Elsie Bull, Mrs Wise and later Mr Dyer.

Her own parents died in Feb 22nd 1978 (Father) and 1981 (Mother) both are buried in Broad Town Churchyard.

Whilst growing up she was encouraged to go to church on Sunday mornings and afterwards she stayed on to help Mrs Wise ~~took~~ with the Sunday School. which she did for many years.

One of the chores which she had to do each day was to collect water from the stream which flowed down through the garden close-by there being no running water as such. It was also necessary to place socks over her shoes to avoid slipping over the cobbles which ran between Nos 88 89 90 and 82 and 83. She also remembers sliding down the hill through the snow and in the summer in the grass getting her knickers green. Also Mrs Mary Bishops House ~~One of her tasks was to~~ being burnt down. 1944.

Last living at 82.

Born 1889. Irene's father was a carter working at Cockroost Farm for many years. In 1914 he joined the Veterinary Corps and was sent to France to look after the injured horses. He was also a very keen gardener, kept chickens and pigs whenever possible.

Her mother was born in 1890 probably in a house at Littletown known as Snowhill and worked as a cook at Cockroost until she was 16 when her father died. She purchased a Mrs Beeton cookery book for 1/- and with this exstra knowledge and confidence went to London and became a general cook with her sister until the time of her marriage.

Her uncle Richard Comely also lived at Snowhill until he fell asleep after having a pint! and a candle which was lighting the room, fell and set the house on fire.

They were married at Broad Town church on August 29th. 1914. ~~and Her father~~

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Irene's grandmother would tell her the story when she would send her daughters down to the Brewery with a halfpenny for a jug of Balm. This was the froth of the yeast which was then used to make home made bread - very delicious!

She is a member of the British Polio Fellowship. visits the Day centre at Marlborough to practic Handicrafts Broad Hinton for Happy Hour and Contact at Wootton Bassett

Her hobbies include crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, sewing knitting embroidery handicrafts and reading.
She also has a very keen interest in all wildlife including butterflies and birds which she feeds daily.

Farmers

Mrs Little	at
Mr Stan Matthews	
Mr Couch	Church Farm
Mr Edwards	East Farm.
Mr Boulton	Manor Farm
Mr Townsend	3 or 4 cows milked at bottom Moss Lane.
Mr Hicks	Little Town.