

The Gavin BRYCE Family History

by **Jeanie Russoniello** (nee **Bryce**)

My father **Gavin Bryce** was born in 1906 and his family moved to Maleny when he was a small baby. Some of my Grandfather **Robert Bryce**'s family had already settled in the Maleny area so he moved his family here as well. They lived in a hut with a dirt floor until the house could be built, which is still standing today at Wootha not far from where the old Wootha School stood, where no doubt my father attended along with his older sister and two brothers **Ivy, Len** and **Nige**. At one stage the school teacher would board with them as it was close to the school and my Grandfather was a Councilman for the Landsborough Shire Council for many years. My mother is **Gwen Bryce (Denning)** and although she never went to school here, her youngest brother did.

My name is **Jeanie Bryce**. I was born in the Maleny Hospital in 1955 and started school at Maleny Primary in 1961. I have three brothers – **Donald, Matthew** and **Jason** who also attended Maleny State School. We travelled by bus from our farm at Wootha everyday, after first helping our parents do the milking. After leaving school in 1970 I worked in the office of the Maleny Butter Factory until I married and moved away. In 1998 we moved back to Maleny and our youngest daughter **Vittoria** also went to school at Maleny. My second youngest brother **Matthew Bryce** still lives in Maleny and his two children also attended Maleny Primary and Maleny High School.



Len, Gavin (my father) & Nige Bryce with Donald in front



Jeanie & Donald



L-R: Matthew, Jason (1st day School) & Jeanie (1st day High School)



At the last reunion! That's me the little one in the yellow shirt in the front!!!