

The Neilen Triplets

Tom, Dick & Harry

Tom, Dick & Harry were born on 29 August 1945 at the Maleny Hospital. They were delivered by **Dr Parer**. They were named Thomas Geoffrey, Richard Leigh & Henry Ross. Their parents, **Henry & Nellie Neilen** bought a farm in 1937 at Balmoral Ridge, where Balmoral lookout is today. The triplets had 3 older siblings, **Bruce, Ian & Desley** and another two children **Pauline & Graeme** were born after the triplets. Nellie & Henry had a local transport business.

The triplets attended the Maleny State School in Cedar Street. They went to school on the Balmoral School Bus with **Mr Syd Adams**, the most patient bus driver ever, with their siblings. Many tales have been told of their schooldays! They belonged to the local Boy Scouts, played tennis, badmington and the fool.

After their primary education, they went to Brisbane Boys College. Dick did not enjoy boarding school, he ran away so was allowed to come home. He became a truck driver in his parent's business, married a local girl **Jill Payne** and they had 6 children. Sadly, Dick passed away aged 52 in 1997. Tom & Harry never married and live together in Newmarket. They both worked until recently, have travelled extensively and their passion is antiques and art.

They'll be here today. Their classmates will be wanting photos to show everyone that they went to school with Tom, Dick & Harry!



Triplets at 16 mths at the Maleny School in Cedar StNellie (mother) with Dick,
Heather Bryce with Tom & Alma Smith with Harry