



TODD, Jeanette Joan (nee Barretti)

Jenny TODD | 24 November 1953

JEANETTE 'JENNY' JOAN² BARRETTI (FRANCES 'FRANK' ROBERT¹) was born on 24 November 1953 in Durban, South Africa. She married MARTIN GRAVES TODD. He was born on 18 April 1951. Jenny is the daughter of MAURINE VIOLET^[8] FLEMMER (JOHN 'JACK' SWEET DISTIN⁷, JOHN DISTIN⁶, CHRISTIAN LUDVIG⁵) who was born on 1 October 1926, and died on 2 June 1994 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Maurine married FRANCES 'FRANK' ROBERT BARRETTI in 1946 in the Catholic Church Durban, South Africa. He was born on 29 October 1916 and died in 1980.

My beloved Mother, Maurine Violet Flemmer born on 1 October 1926 married my Dad Frances Robert Barette (born 29 October 1916) at the Catholic Church in Durban, in 1946 after his discharge from the Air Force. Dad was a professional photographer and Mom worked as a secretary in the Five Roses Tea offices. Seven years later I was born on 24 November 1953 and when I was four years old we moved to Johannesburg. We lived in a flat in Jessie Court, Doornfontein in the same building as my Grandparents, Muriel and Jack Flemmer and Joyce, my mother's younger sister. Uncle John lived in a flat upstairs. Auntie Joan, Uncle Johnny and my younger cousin Bruce Geyser lived a few houses down the road. We were a big happy family to my mind. Granny always had an "open house" and also looked after the grandchildren when necessary as all the parents and Grandpa were in employment.

I remember many Sunday lunches together. Children at a smaller table and adults around the main table. I was often in trouble for talking and laughing too loudly. (My laugh has become notorious in my middle age!)

I loved Joyce's company and would watch her baking. My little cousin Bruce and I went to the same nursery school which I loved and I took it as my duty to look after him there. Uncle Ludvig and family lived in Pretoria and we would get into Grandpa's car and sing "We are marching to Pretoria" all the way. We, the Barette's moved up the hill to Hillbrow, a buzzing safe metropolitan centre. I attended the Johannesburg Girls High School. True to the time I enjoyed the freedom of the sixties, the Beatles, Flower Power, Hippies etc.

I met my future husband, Martin Graves Todd (born 18 April 1951) who lived in Highlands North Johannesburg when I was 16 years old. We married three years later when I was 19. Martin ("Toddy") built our first house in Sandton. When we were married twelve years we became the proud parents of twins, Michael and Richard born 21 November 1985.

We, the Todd family now live with our 16-year-old twins in Blairgowrie, nestled between my late mother's two brothers houses – that is Ludvig Flemmer and his wife Estelle and a few blocks away John Flemmer and his wife Joan (nee Jenkins). Toddy works for Nel's Dairies as manager electrician, I am a computer bookkeeper at Bordeaux Primary School nearby and our two boys attend Hyde Park High School.

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