

ROBERT AND WINIFRED BENEFIELD FAMILY

Robert was a bicycle dealer and mechanic working from his shop in Ridgeway St, Wanganui in the 1920's. Sometime later he relocated to new premises in Victoria Avenue.



Winifred was a Dress Agent and the first woman in Wanganui to be a traveling representative, driving a Morris 10 car around the lower North Island.

Ellery never married, eventually shifting to live in Australia.

Margaret married M. Willan and lived in the Palmerston North area.

Clifton never married.

Robert and Winifred retired to their newly built home at 7 Rangitikei St, Wanganui East in 1949. Robert died on the 18th of March 1962 while living at 7 Rangitikei St.



Around 1960 Aunty Win approached my father, Des, to see if one of his six strapping sons could mow their lawns as it had become too much for the 80 year old Uncle Bob.

On the 18th of March 1962 around 5.30pm I had just finished mowing the lawns and was cleaning up before putting the mower away when Aunty Win approached me saying Uncle Bob, who hadn't met me, would like to see me before I left.

I went in to meet Uncle Bob who was sitting in his armchair in the lounge, we spoke for about five minutes or so before I said my goodbyes and left.

As I finished tidying up and was about to leave, Aunty Win who had just gone inside a few minutes earlier came back out to tell me that Uncle Bob had passed away!

Apparently when she looked in on Uncle Bob he was already dead sitting upright in his armchair just as I had left him a few minutes earlier making me the last person to see him alive or to speak to him!

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