

Elizabeth Louise Vanner born on 06.02.1922 High Street Ryde. Died 31.12.1979 at County Hospital Ryde

Elizabeth was known as Betty to all the family and she was born with Downs Syndrome, in those days if a baby was born with this they were very shelter or put into institution but Aunty Betty was a lovely person and would help her mother with chores at home and her father George idolized her in the 70's and 80's she attended a Red Cross centre each week for a day. Of course she could be stubborn and one of her hilarious traits was she would be very tidy and put items away, if they had been left about. She then could not remember where she had put them, I think her parents did get a bit flustered at times with this. She loved having all the family around and especially at Christmas, she would also help her mother with serving breakfast to their guest and they all loved her. When her father and mother died her younger brother came to live at 28 West Street to look after her along with his family. Aunty Betty had a fall in 1978 and broke her arm and this was the start of her decline and in December 1979 she passed away. She was always a happy and loving person and was very special.

Memories kindly submitted by Yvonne Spreadborough