

Peggy’s Story

Margaret Ellis

Looking at this book with me

- Sit beside me and turn the pages slowly, together.
- Ask “Tell me about this”, not “Do you remember?”
- If I mix things up, go along with me. Enjoy the moment.



My name is Margaret.
Please call me Peggy.

Growing up



I grew up on Clifton Street in Leeds. We played out until the lamps came on.

1950

My family

> My dad Albert was a baker, and my mum Edna could make a meal out of nothing. I was the eldest of three.

School days



I loved arithmetic and singing. Miss Hartley read us a story every Friday.

1947

My working life



I was a typist at the wool office on Kirkgate. Nobody could type faster than me.

1958

Falling in love

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I met Jim at a Saturday dance in 1962. He trod on my toes all night, and we married the next June.

Children and grandchildren



Winter walks on the ice with the pram. The children loved the cold air.

Homes I have loved



We lived on Elm Grove for forty years. I loved my roses by the front gate.

Places and holidays



Every August we took the caravan to Filey. Jim built the best sandcastles.

1970

Things I love to do



I have knitted a jumper for every grandchild, and one for Bess the dog.

Music I love



Matt Monro on the record player, and Jim and me dancing in the kitchen.

My pets



Bess came everywhere with us.
She once ate a whole
Victoria sponge.

1979

What I believe



I sang alto in the church choir
for thirty years. Christmas Eve
was the best.

My friends



Jean and I have been friends since we were five. We still laugh together.

My life now



I live at Oak House now. A good day has a walk in the garden and a cuppa.

People in my life now



Sarah
My daughter



David
My son

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Emily
My granddaughter



Jean
My best friend

Things I love

- Tea, milky with one sugar
- Matt Monro and Frank Sinatra
- Watering the plants
- Fish and chips on a Friday
- Football on the radio
- Someone to hold my hand

Things I don’t like

- Being rushed
- Loud television
- Cold rooms
- Lots of questions at once

Made with love by
Sarah, David and the grandchildren

Treasurefold

About me

Margaret Ellis



Please call me

Peggy. Only my mother called me Margaret.

I enjoy talking about

My garden, Filey, football and my grandchildren.

What helps me feel calm

A cup of tea, some Matt Monro, and someone sitting beside me.

Food and drink I like

Tea, milky with one sugar. Fish on Fridays. Nothing too spicy.

People who matter to me

Sarah and David (my children), Emily, Tom and Josh, and Jean.

Please try to avoid

Rushing me, loud rooms, and asking “Do you remember?”