

Jennifer Rose Timms 1947–2020

Jennifer was born in Deddington in 1947, daughter of Mabel and George (Togo) Godfrey, she had one sister Helen (Bolton). Her very happy childhood was spent at the Paddocks with her many friends. She liked to spend time with her grandmother Mrs Gilkes and other relatives – the Doggetts and the Golders. She enjoyed regular visits to Clifton to see Granny Godfrey, Aunt Sarah and Uncle Jimmy Dewhurst.

She attended Deddington Primary School, later the Windmill, then the Banbury Technical College. After leaving school she worked at the Co-op in Deddington for several years, sometimes working in other branches such as Banbury, Adderbury and Bodicote. She later became a very popular dinner lady at the Primary School, which she loved.

She met Terry Timms from Adderbury whilst he was working at Castle Farm and after they married in 1967 they lived in one of the farm cottages at Field Barn. During this time their two sons Jason, then Garry were born. They moved to Earl's Lane where they had a huge garden and became avid gardeners, although Jenny's role was largely a supervisory one! They then bought their house in Windmill Street where Jenny contentedly created a loving family home. She really loved her life as wife and mother and felt little desire to leave the village she loved.

Jenny and Terry were very sociable in their early years together and loved dances and bingo at the Legion. They were members of the Youth Club at the Windmill and enjoyed many outings with the Young Farmers' Club, of which Terry was a member, often travelling to Birmingham for ice skating and ten pin bowling. Jenny later joined Deddington Ladies, again having many good times with them on many of their outings and social events. They were regular revellers in the Square in Deddington seeing in the New Year and could often be spotted in the Unicorn enjoying a drink and a catch up with other locals.

Jenny was a very skilled and prolific knitter, providing the family with an endless supply of cosy sweaters and was particularly fond of knitting baby clothes.

Sadly some 12 years ago Jenny was diagnosed with her illness which she bore with great fortitude and courage, retiring somewhat to the safety and comfort of her own home, apart from the endless trips on the well-trod road to the Churchill at Oxford. It was during this time that Jenny and Terry were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, an occasion which Jenny always looked back upon fondly, and one for which she was very grateful she had been able to enjoy.

Jenny will be sadly missed by many, who are left with great memories to treasure and lasting love for a wonderful wife, mother, sister and friend.

The Timms Family

