

JOAN HAYWARD (1922–2012)



Joan was originally from Aynho and was the youngest daughter of Albert and Edith Taylor. After completing her education in Aynho and then Kings Sutton, she worked in Banbury until the war and was then at Duffield munitions at Adderbury. She later met Walter George Hayward whose parents ran the local fruiterers, fishmongers and provision shop in Deddington Market Place (in the 21st century Viva/Sacs) and they were married in 1945. Their first home was in the flat above the shop, their first son Martin was born in 1946 and four years later Rodney was born.

Following a brief stay in Aynho, the family moved to Winmour Cottage in Philcote Street where the family grew up. In the early 60s they moved to the High Street where they opened their own family store, and later acquired the Market Place premises from Walter's parents. After leaving school the two sons joined the family business.

Joan worked in the shop combining shop and family life and, with both sons married, made Sunnyside in Castle Street their home and this was where Joan spent the rest of her life, enjoying her ever growing family. She was a great entertainer of friends and family, and Sunnyside was never a dull house, always full of life, laughter, fun and visitors, with the sherry always opened for noon drinks!

Joan was a member of the WI in the 1970s, baker of cakes for the Health Centre, friends and businesses, and was always knitting for local charities, especially Katharine House Hospice, and was a regular at Church coffee mornings each Friday.

Joan lived in Deddington for some 60 years and the Hayward name has been part of Deddington business life in the Market Place until as recently as 2007. Joan was a great family person and enjoyed seeing each and every one of her sons, their wives, four grandchildren and their families and 10 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and great number of friends and neighbours.

Rodney Hayward