

GRACE BROWN

Born 3 November 1899

Married 1 December 1920

JAMES ANDREW MURPHY

Born 16 August 1896

EVA JUNE SINCLAIR nee MURPHY

Eva June (known as June) was the second daughter of Grace and James.

June was born on 18 April 1924.

On 28 January 1939, Grace died giving birth to their 7th child, who also died.

June met Eric James Sinclair at the age of 14, 6 months before her mother died.

Eric was 4 years older.

June and Eric dated regularly even though it was difficult at times due to June's living arrangements and her work commitments.

On the 4th of April 1942 June and Eric were married, 2 weeks before her 18th birthday.

Eric had worked as a postman, and then joined the army. He was not able to go overseas due to an eye problem and finished in the postal division much to his dismay.

He later joined the Commonwealth Public Service in the Immigration Department where he stayed until he died on the 15th of July 1978, two weeks before his 58th birthday.

June and Eric had three children, Margaret, Eric (Ric) and Stephen.

On 5th June 1959 June, Eric and family departed for a three-year posting to Rome, Italy, with the Immigration Department attached to the Australian Embassy. He was a selection Office, interviewing migrants wishing to come to Australia.

After two and a half years Eric was asked to go and open an office in Malta, where he worked in conjunction with Maltese Emigration, once again selecting migrants wanting to come to Australia.

Margaret was employed as his secretary during this time.

In January 1963, after being away for three and a half years, the family returned to Perth.

Seven years later June and Eric took another posting overseas, this time in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, for 2 years.

After Eric retired, due to illness, they went for a trip overseas to Scotland, Holland and to Seaside, Oregon to see June's older sister Toni and her husband Bob.

After 4 days, Eric was taken to hospital and died two weeks later from Viral Hepatitis.

June was only 52, but she never remarried and lived in Perth till she passed away just her 90th birthday. She never got over losing Eric but luckily had her family and her sisters and brother around her.