

Reginald Edward Webb 22/11/1905 - 02/11/1999

Born at Foxleigh, Nr Malmesbury. Moved to Brimstone Farm, in the parish of Great Coxwell when he was 3 years old.

Reg had 2 brothers and 6 sisters. He was the 8th in the family. He is the last remaining offspring of Rebecca and Henry John Webb. All his brothers and sisters lived into their 80s and 90s with the exception of one sister who died after an appendicitis operation in her early twenties in Australia.

Both Reg's brothers lived very locally – Mont in Great Coxwell and Charles in South Marston. Three sisters too, lived locally – Faringdon, Wootton Bassett and Chisledon. The others lived further afield, one spending her whole adult life in Australia.

Reg went to school at Coleshill until he was 13. On leaving school he became a farm worker, like his father. At the age of 18, he worked in London, returning to Faringdon to work in his mid twenties. He has been a builder, had his own bakery business, and since World War II until he retired in 1968, a car hire proprietor.

Reg married, Phyllis Langham (another local family), in 1935. They have 4 offspring – Judith 62, Martin 56, Rebecca 54 and Gene 52. All except Rebecca live locally.

Reg was a member of the homeguard during World War II, being considered unfit for the armed service due to a serious thyroid condition during his late 20s/early 30s

Reg was always very industrious – house maintenance, gardening, sawing wood. He had little time for leisure activities – but when possible these largely revolved around newspapers, current affairs, auctions and his love of cars. In his youth he played cricket.

Reg's life has been one of work – first to earn a living through his own business, then with worklike activities continuing through retirement. His retirement life revolved around house maintenance and gardening until about 5 years ago when his physical and mental health prevented him from continuing.