



Victorian Vegetable Growers



# Notes

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Vale – Jack (John) Mills



**William John Mills**, born at Heatherton in 1932, passed to rest 20 Nov 2008, aged 76.

Known to all vegetable growers as Jack or John, his family ran a dairy farm on what is now Moorabbin airport before moving their dairy herd to Lyndhurst in 1937.

Jack began growing summer crops in the early 1950's, while still dairying. Jack and his brother grew potato, pumpkin, sweet corn and later, parsnip and cabbage seed.

Married to Rita May - affectionately known as Maisie - for 52 years, they raised four happy children: Peter, Leanne, Ken and Karyn. Maisie laughingly recalls Jack's amazement in 1955 when they shipped potatoes to Antarctica !

A quiet spoken man, 'who only had good things to say about others', Jack refrained from quarrelling in VGA meetings, he patiently waited till the chairman asked for his views.

But Jack is best remembered, for his rhubarb ... and many travellers have admired Jack's rhubarb crop while driving along the Westernport Highway.

Farewell Jack

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