



Vera May Cleary

1919–1980

maternal grandmother



When Vera May Cleary was born on January 16, 1919, in Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, her father, Justin, was 34, and her mother, Mary, was 31. At age 16, Vera gave birth to a son (Dennis John) who was conceived after she was raped.

Vera married David John McCullough (formerly Barlow) in 1937 and they had four children together. After the death of her husband, David John McCullough, Vera had one son and four daughters with Leonard Lancelot Smith. She died on February 5, 1980, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, at the age of 61.

1919

Birth

Vera May Cleary was born on January 16, 1919, in Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, to Mary Ann Bushby, age 31, and Justin Cleary, age 34.

16 Jan 1919 • Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1919 Birth record for Vera May CLEARY, 6151:1919

Official Record #6151/1919

SECOND SCHEDULE.					SECOND SCHEDULE.				
BIRTHS in the District of PORT MELBOURNE in the State					of Victoria, Registered by H. G. REES				
No.	Date of Birth	Name and Surname of Child	FATHER		MOTHER	Signature, Name, and Address of Registrar	Signature of Registrar	Date of Birth of Child	Signature of Registrar
			(1)	(2)					
1919	16 Jan 1919	Vera May Cleary	Robert Cleary	Elizabeth Cleary	May Cleary	H. G. REES	H. G. REES	16 Jan 1919	H. G. REES
		Debbie	William	Elizabeth	Barlow				
		S.S.	William	Elizabeth	Barlow				

A REGISTRATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF AN ENTRY IN A REGISTER KEPT IN THIS OFFICE.
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST.
 MELBOURNE. 12 March 1920

16 Jan 1919
1919 Baptism

Source: Bil Barlow Summary for Stanley Victor Barlow (Steele)

22 FEB 1919
1929 Birth of Half-Sister

Her half-sister Jessie Mary was born on September 5, 1929, when Vera May was 10 years old.


Jessie Mary Cleary

1929-

05 Sep 1929
1929 Birth of Half-Sister

Her half-sister Doreen Agnes was born on September 5, 1929, when Vera May was 10 years old.


Doreen Agnes Cleary

1929-

05 Sep 1929

1935

Birth of Son

Her son Dennis John was born on December 29, 1935, in Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

**Dennis John Cleary**

1935–1936

29 Dec 1935 • Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1935

Circumstances on Birth of Dennis John

Vera gave birth to Dennis John Cleary on December 29, 1935, in Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, when she was 16. The pregnancy occurred after she was raped. He died on January 13, 1936 at 15 days old.

30 Dec 1935 • Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1936

Death of Son

Her son Dennis John passed away on January 13, 1936, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, when he was less than a year old.

**Dennis John Cleary**

1935–1936

13 Jan 1936 • Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1937

Marriage

Vera May Cleary married David John McCullough (Barlow) in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, on January 18, 1937, when she was 18 years old.

**David John McCullough (Barlow)**


1916–1942

18 Jan 1937 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1937

Marriage cert of David John McCullough and Vera May Cleary

Certificate of Marriage No. 978/37 . David's father is listed as Charles McCullough. (Note: in the deceased children under Vera May, Dennis John Cleary is not mentioned.)

In the State of Victoria,  In the Commonwealth of Australia. 978

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. 10.

Year 1937, Month of January, Day 18, at the Parish of Seaford, Diocese of Eastern Districts, Church of England.

No. in Register	(1)	262
When and where Solemnized	(2)	18 th January 1937 Christ Church, Seaford
Name and Surname of each Party	(3)	David John McCullough Vera May Cleary
Occupation, Profession, or Rank of each Party (or last known Name of Widower, or Date of Birth if Married)	(4)	Bookbinder Spinner
Children by each Party	(5)	Living: _____ Deceased: _____
Religion	(6)	Methodist Free Methodist
Occupation	(7)	Labourer Domestic Duties
Age in years (Sex Males)	(8)	21 17
Exact Residence of each Party	(9)	Oak Street Seaford High Street Seaford
	(10)	Oak Street Seaford High Street Seaford
Parents (Full Names)	(11)	Charles McCullough Vera May Cleary
	(12)	Oliver Martha Venke Mary Bookbinder

We declare that the above is a true statement of the particulars appearing in each of the foregoing, and that the same were read and approved by the Minister, and by the Parties, at the time of the Solemnization, and that the same are correct and true to the best of our knowledge.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Registrar-General at Melbourne this 18th day of January 1937.

A. W. Williams
Registrar-General

Vera May Cleary
Vera May Cleary

George Eric Mackay being a Clerk in Holy Orders, do hereby certify that I have this day solemnized Marriage between the above-named parties, after which the usual ceremony was performed by the officiating Minister, and after the usual ceremony was made as by law required, and that the solemnization of the said Marriage was made in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1928, and the Marriage Act, 1931.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Registrar-General at Melbourne this 18th day of January 1937.

Signature of Registrar-General at Melbourne: *G. E. Mackay*

REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
MELBOURNE

This document is a record of a marriage and has no legal effect in relation to the law of the Commonwealth of Australia.

18 Jan 1937

1937

Marriage cert for David John MCCULLOUGH and Vera May CLEARY, 9781937

Marriage certificate extract No. 978/37

STATE OF VICTORIA.

“EXTRACT” OF ENTRY. N^o 202377

Office of the Government Statist,

Melbourne, 28th June, 1940.

Re Application Fol. 40/10047

MEMO.

According to the Registers in this Office,
David John MCCULLOUGH,
and
Vera May CLEARY,
were married at Seymour,
on 18th January, 1937.

The Official Number of the entry is 978/37

O. GAWLER,
Government Statist.

N.B.—The Fee for an Uncertified Extract or a search over any period of five years or part thereof is 2/6 for Registrations made on or after 1st July, 1853, or 1/6 for those made prior to that date. A Certificate of above entry will be supplied for an additional fee of 5/6. In all correspondence bearing on the entry, the “Application Folio No. and the Official Number” must be quoted.

X.251/7.38—8486.


T. Hines, Government Printer, Melbourne.

18 Jan 1937

1937

Marriage cert of David John and Vera May

Official Record #978/1937

In the State of Victoria,  In the Commonwealth of Australia. 978

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. (C)

The 1953 Act in Great Britain. Sedmoor, Church of England

No. in Register	(1)	267.
Date and place of Marriage.	(2)	18 th January 1937 Church of England, Sedmoor
Name and surname of each Party.	(3)	David John McCullough Vera May Cleverly
Occupation, Trade, Profession, or Name of Trade or other Business of each Party (if married).	(4)	Blackber Spinner
Children by each Party (Name, Sex, Date of Birth).	(5)	None
Religion	(6)	Methodist Pres. Melbourne
Occupation	(7)	Labourer Domestic Duties
Age in years (and Months)	(8)	21 17
Place of Birth (Country, State, and Parish)	(9)	Oak Street Sedmoor High Street Sedmoor
Parents (Name, Occupation, and Address)	(10)	Charles McCullough Labourer Edwin Cleverly Labourer
Widow (Full Name and Address)	(11)	Oliver Martha Venke Mary Boshell

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original as registered in the Register of Births and Marriages in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia.

John Gulliford
John May

A. W. Cleverly
M. Cleverly

George Eric MacLachlan being a Clerk in Holy Orders, in Holy Orders, and I have this day duly solemnized Marriage between the above-named parties, after which both were pronounced man and wife.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Registrar-General of Births and Marriages in the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this 18th day of January 1937.

Signature of Registrar-General of Births and Marriages: *G. E. MacLachlan*

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X.251/7.38—8456.

T. Riess, Government Printer, Melbourne.

18 Jan 1937

1937

Birth and Death of Son

Her son UNK was born in October 1937 and passed away that same day.



UNK McCullough

1937-1937

Abt. Oct 1937

1938

Birth of Daughter

Her daughter Dawn Olive was born on November 30, 1938, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.



Dawn Olive McCullough

1938-2018

30 Nov 1938 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1940

Birth of Daughter

Her daughter Jeanette Maree was born on March 22, 1940, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.

**Jeanette Maree McCullough**

1940–

22 Mar 1940 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1941

Birth of Son

Her son David Charles was born on December 4, 1941, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.

**David Charles McCullough**

1941–

4 Dec 1941 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1942

Death of Husband

Her husband David John passed away on February 11, 1942, in Singapore at the age of 25. They had been married 5 years.

**David John McCullough (Barlow)**

1916–1942

11 Feb 1942 • Kranji, North West, Singapore

1942

Death of Husband

Her husband David John passed away on February 15, 1942, in Singapore at the age of 25. They had been married 5 years.

**David John McCullough (Barlow)**

1916–1942

15 Feb 1942 • Singapore

1943

Relationship with Leonard Smith

Following the disappearance of David John McCullough, assumed killed in action in the Fall of Singapore, Vera May established a relationship with Leonard Smith. Stories suggest that he left his wife at the time to form this relationship with Vera.

1943 • Tallarook, Victoria, Australia

1945

Birth of Daughter

Her daughter Fay Elizabeth was born on February 5, 1945, in Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

**Fay Elizabeth Smith**

1945–

5 Feb 1945 • Broadford, Victoria, Australia

1946

Death of Mother

Her mother Mary Ann passed away on July 4, 1946, in Maroona, Victoria, Australia, at the age of 58.

**Mary Ann Bushby**

1887-1946

4 July 1946 • Maroopna, Victoria, Australia

1946

Birth of Daughter

Her daughter Sandra Vera was born on October 12, 1946, in Tallarook, Victoria, Australia.

**Sandra Vera Smith**

1946-

12 Oct 1946 • Tallarook, Victoria, Australia

1947

Birth of Daughter

Her daughter Heather Mary was born on December 26, 1947, in Tallarook, Victoria, Australia.

**Heather Mary Smith**

1947-

26 Dec 1947 • Tallarook, Victoria, Australia

1953

Birth of Son

Her son Douglas Leon was born on September 21, 1953, in Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

**Douglas Leon Smith**

1953-

21 Sep 1953 • Broadford, Victoria, Australia

1957 **Wedding - Don & Dawn - 1957**

Married at St. Stephen Anglican Church in Tallarook, Victoria Australia on 27 September 1957.



28 Sep 1957

1959 **Birth of Daughter**

Her daughter Melinda Beryl was born on December 13, 1959, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia.



Melinda Beryl Smith

1959–

13 Dec 1959 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1961 **Death of Father**

Her father Justin passed away on July 7, 1961, in Morwell, Victoria, Australia, at the age of 76.



Justin Cleary

1885–1961

7 July 1961 • Morwell, Victoria, Australia

1967 **Residence**

Vera May Cleary lived in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, in 1967.

1967 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1970

Death of Brother

Her brother James Alfred died on May 27, 1970, in New South Wales, Australia, when Vera May was 51 years old.

**James Alfred Cleary**

1912-1970

27 May 1970 • Lewisham, New South Wales, Australia

1973

Death of Husband

Her husband Leonard Lancelot passed away on July 21, 1973, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, at the age of 80.

**Leonard Lancelot Smith**

1893-1973

21 Jul 1973 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

1980

Death cert for Vera May MCCULLOUGH, 3826:1980

Office record # 3826/80

STATE OF VICTORIA		Registration Number
EXTRACT OF DEATH ENTRY		3826 /80
Date of Death	5 February 1980	
Place of Death	Seymour	
Usual Residence	65 High Street Seymour	
Name	Vera May MCCULLOUGH	
Occupation	Home Duties	
Sex and Age	Female 61 years	
GOVERNMENT STATIST		
<p>This extract of entry is forwarded as confirmation that the death has been registered in the records of this office.</p> <p>A certified copy of the complete entry may be obtained on payment of a fee of \$5.00 if the registration number is quoted. If this number is not quoted, the fee will be \$11.00.</p> <p>APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT STATIST, 302 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, 3000.</p>		
<p>Witnessed by</p> <p>D. McCullough 65 High Street Seymour</p>		

05 Feb 1980

1980

Death

Vera May Cleary died on February 5, 1980, in Seymour, Victoria, Australia, when she was 61 years old.

5 Feb 1980 • Seymour, Victoria, Australia

Burial

Vera May McCullough/Smith was buried in the Seymour Lawn Cemetery in February 1980.

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Seymour, Victoria, Australia

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