

Ken Rowlands' Memories of Nancy.

Little Nancy Humphreys was my cousin and she lived at Bryn-Awel, Corris, she also lived for a short time at Ceinws, Esgairgeiliog, Achor cottage. Nancy was born on the 20th July 1935, her parents were Llew and Annie Mary Humphreys. Her father's brother Trefor was a preacher and Nancy knew the Bible all the way through. Llew, her father worked at Braichgoch Quarry and his father Evan was killed there, a stone fell and broke the ladder, Nancy was told that he had gone to heaven.

Sadly, Nancy's father died from T. B [Tuberculosis] and she also contracted this dreadful disease. I remember visiting her at the Chest Hospital, Machynlleth during my leave from the Army and I would fan her with a comic, either the Dandy or Beano. Nancy kept a Diary while she was at the Hospital and had written her 12th Birthday in it but sadly, she never saw it.

I was home on leave when Nancy died and I sent a Telegram to Derring Lines where I was stationed to ask if I could have extra leave to help my Auntie. There was no reply, so I went back to camp, luckily the Company Commander gave me a warrant and I was able to go back and help with the funeral. The weather was dreadful, deep snow and the troops from Tonfannau camp cleared the road all the way to Abergynolwyn so that Nancy could be buried with her father, who had died 2 years before. I felt very sad returning to Derring Lines and things weren't good there either because the food supplies couldn't get through, so we all lived on porridge for days, 1947 was notorious for it's heavy snowfall.

Nancy Humphreys born 20-7-1935, died 9-3-1947.



Nancy and her mother



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