



Lillian Bray was born in Camel's Head, Plymouth in 1916, the eldest of 4 with 2 sisters and one brother. Her family moved over to Saltash in 1923. Lillian stayed with her grandmother so she could still attend Camel's Head school until the age of 14 where she then went on to study domestic science at Devonport High for 2 years.

Lillian married George Bray from Fowey in 1936. George joined the Royal Air Force in 1937, after which they had their first daughter Lavinia in 1938. Lillian and Lavinia went to live with her family in Saltash until the Second World War broke out and then lived in Scotland where George was posted until the war ended. They went on to have 5 more children - Ruth, Michael, Arthur, Elizabeth and Roger. She has 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The whole family moved back to Liskeard around 1960 when Lillian worked as a baker for a short period. The couple then owned Bray's Fish & Fruit shop in the Guildhall shops under the arches in Fore Street for many years. Lillian raised lots of money for charity including the RNLI, food box donations at harvest festival time and donated boxes of fruit for various other charities. They retired in 1986. Lillian has a tree dedicated to her in Trenant Wood, Duloe, near Looe by the Woodland Trust.

The sun shone on her 100th birthday on 30th July as 60 family members attended a garden party at her granddaughter's house in Blunts. The Mayor of Liskeard, Jane Pascoe, also attended because Jane and Lillian were friends back when they both ran their respective businesses in Liskeard. In true Lillian style, she asked for donations instead of presents and as a consequence £190 was collected at the party and has been donated to Cancer Research.

