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FAMILY CELEBRATION: Beatrice Moore with her son Sir Frank Moore and daughters Carol Ryall (left) and Estelle Turner. Picture: SUPPLIED

# Family, friends help mark 100th birthday

BEATRICE Moore recently celebrated her 100th birthday with two joyous special events involving close family, long-time friends and more than 90 fellow residents of Drayton Villas.

Born Beatrice Leonard on May 30, 1911, Mrs Moore's long and fulfilling life began at Lake Manchester, near Mount Crosby, north of Ipswich, where her father worked on the dam.

There were nine children in the family and Beatrice was the fifth. She is now the only survivor.

The young Beatrice first attended school on the lake site and then at Mt Crosby State School where she and her siblings travelled "three-up" on horseback to and from school.

In June, 1930, Beatrice married Francis Edward Moore. Frank worked most of his life with wool firm Winchcombe Carson and was eventually in charge of their machinery operations.

Frank was well known all over Queensland and beyond. Frank and Beatrice had a son, also Frank, and two daughters Estelle (Turner) and Carol (Ryall).

Beatrice's husband died in 1972 and Beatrice found herself alone



WEDDING DAY: Frank Moore and Beatrice Leonard were married in June, 1930.

but not lonely as most of her birth family still lived close to her in Brisbane, and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all visited her regularly.

Beatrice certainly did her share of looking after grandchildren, especially Frank's sons, as their father was very busy and travelled extensively in connection with his work. She also provided a home and family for Carol's children when they were studying and living



YOUNG AT HEART: Beatrice Moore at her 100th birthday party.

in Brisbane.

After more than 70 years living in the family home, Beatrice came to live in Drayton Villas in 2002 to be near to her younger daughter.

Village life has allowed Beatrice to continue to live independently.

And so, the celebrations continue, with friends and relatives in small numbers visiting to share her excitement at this milestone.

May the excitement and the visits, never end.

Happy birthday Beatrice.