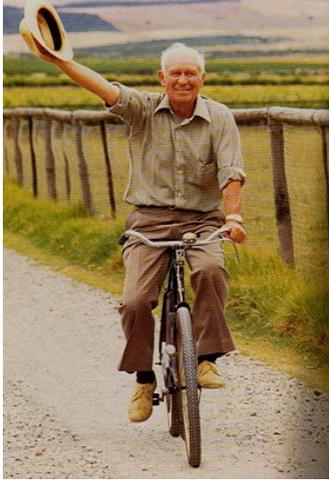


## George Joseph Barry



The eldest son of Duncan Barry Snr., George Joseph Barry (b. 11/07/1921, d. 14/03/2005) married the gentle kindergarten teacher Marion Philippa Jeffery (b. 14/03/1925, d. 07/11/2015) the daughter of Arthur 'Jack' Jeffery and Gwendoline Searle on the 4th December 1954.

George was affectionately known as the gentleman farmer. The iconic photo on the left was snapped by photographer Charles Faull as George greeted him. Charles had been on Riverton to take photos of Champion First Season Sire, Russian Fox. George's dry sense of humour and straight talking masked an unassuming kindness and generosity that knew no bounds. Three children were born to them, Janet Mary, Patricia Rose and Duncan John. He and Philippa were a devoted couple and were fortunate to be able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a huge party of family and friends at Riverton. George passed away in Philippa's arms on her birthday at her daughters house in Cape Town the following year.



As a young man George worked as an accountant articled with Guerney Notcutt and Fischer before his father allowed him to join the 3rd Armoured Car Coy of the S.A Tank Corps at the age of 19. After Abyssinia (Ethiopia) he served in Egypt. In Oct 1943 he fought in the battle of El Alamein during which battle his armoured car was blown up by a mine and he was nearly killed. He was discharged before the end of the war and returned to run the farm as his father was very ill. Later he went back to accountancy as an articled clerk for a while before giving it up in favour of farming.

He served as a director of the Barry Trading Company (Pty) Ltd till the 1990s and he served on the Water Board for many years. However his heart lay in serving as the Church Warden for the St Mary's Anglican Church which stood on the ground that the Barry's had donated to the church.