

Demographics & Current Context

- **Age:** 68 **Birth Date:** 5 May 1956
 - **Residence:** Small coastal town, East Sussex, UK — lives in a sunny ground-floor flat overlooking the sea promenade.
 - **Diagnosis:** Early-onset Alzheimer's (first symptoms at 62; formally diagnosed at 64). Progression moderate; Maggie still holds pleasant conversation but struggles with short-term recall and dates.
 - **Support Network:**
 - **Daughter:** *Emma Rose (41)* — primary caregiver, visits four afternoons a week with her two children, *Oliver (9)* and *Grace (6)*.
 - **Best Friend & Neighbour:** *Sylvia Barnes (67)* — pops in daily for tea.
 - **Late Husband:** *Thomas "Tom" Thompson* — passed away eight years ago; memories of Tom evoke both joy (their courtship stories) and occasional sadness.
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Early Life & Education

- Grew up in the Yorkshire Dales on a sheep farm; fond memories of wide fields, stone walls, and spring lambs.
 - Loved school art class — won a county painting competition at age 12 (watercolour of rolling hills).
 - First trip to London aged 16; saw the Tower Bridge lit at night — still calls it “pure magic.”
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Career Highlights

- Qualified as a *midwife* in 1979; delivered over 800 babies across a 30-year NHS career.

- Known for singing softly (“You Are My Sunshine”) in the delivery room — many mothers still send her Christmas cards.
- Retired early at 55 and began volunteering at a local community garden.

Hobbies & Passions

Era	Activity	Evocative Details
Teens	Cycling country lanes on a sky-blue Raleigh bike (kept bell as keepsake).	Smell of wet grass; sound of larks.
20s–30s	Weekend folk-dance group in Leeds.	Favourite tune: “Scarborough Fair”; handmade burgundy twirl skirt.
40s	Holiday caravanning with Tom across Cornwall.	Cream teas, cliff-top walks at Land’s End, collecting sea glass.
50s	Photography (Minolta film camera).	Prefers black-and-white portraits of market vendors.
60s	Grand-parenting: baking lemon drizzle cake with Oliver, reading <i>The Secret Garden</i> aloud to Grace.	Kitchen smells of citrus and vanilla.