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STEPHEN WILFRED⁶ HERBERT (RONALD HAROLD⁵, HAROLD⁴, JAMES BROADBENT³, JAMES BROADBENT², THOMAS¹) was born on 6 September 1946 in East London, South Africa. He married JUDITH ANN DELBRIDGE on 15 September 1974 in Claremont, Cape Town, South Africa. She was born on 30 September 1948 in Cape Town, South Africa. Steve is the son of KATHLEEN NORAH⁷ FLEMMER (MARIUS TOGER⁶, HANS CHRISTIAN⁵) born on 12 August 1914 in East London, South Africa and died on 31 October 1972 in Cape Town, South Africa. She married RONALD HAROLD HERBERT on 5 April 1940 in East London, South Africa, son of HAROLD HERBERT and EDITH HARROP. He was born on 13 November 1912 in Wallasey, Cheshire, England and died on 23 November 1988 in East London, South Africa.

Personal History Steve Herbert [Stephen Wilfred Herbert born 6 September 1946] written 2002 aged 56

Height: 1.86m Weight: 106kgs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Green

I was born at the East London Flemmer alma mater, the Mater Dei Hospital in East London. It seems to me that I have had a pretty nomadic life thus far. My Dad Ronnie, worked for the Royal Insurance Company and when I was about 2 we went to live at Fish Hoek near Cape Town. This and being born in East London has probably given me my life long love of the sea and of water generally.

When I was about 4 we went to live in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and we were there until I was 15. This 11 year period is the longest I have lived anywhere so far. We had a good life up there, with my Uncle Owen and Aunt Heyla Flemmer and their four kids close by, we had a real sense of family. Then there were the trips down to East London, three day epics by road or rail. The excitement of seeing the sea and our East London cousins has made these trips stand out in all of our childhood memories. We were very lucky.

At 15 we went to live in West Kirby near Liverpool where I finished school with O Levels and came back to Cape Town at 16 where my parents had moved. It was here I renewed my connection with sea, learning by good fortune to fish for tunny, and to snorkel and scuba dive. Later when called up to do my national service I volunteered for and was lucky to be selected for the Navy Diving unit at Simonstown.

In Cape Town I joined the Sun Alliance insurance group [later Protea Assurance] in 1964 and thus started a 33 year working career which took me to Zambia, Bloemfontein, Malawi, Cape Town, Durban, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Toronto and The Hague. When offered early retirement in 1996 we jumped at the chance and moved back to Kalk Bay where it will take a stick of dynamite to prize me off!

In 1973 I was lucky to marry Judy Delbridge who I had known for some time, and I have been very fortunate to be married to someone who has supported me and our children through the many upheavals of our many moves. Judy herself is no academic slouch having gained an Honours Degree in Philosophy from UNISA. We have had many laughs and have travelled to many places along the way. We have two lovely children, Kate 24, working in London at present and Nick 19, who is doing a graphic design course in Cape Town.

I have always been interested in sport and have been lucky to go to several rugby internationals at some of the world's great stadiums. Never particularly good at it myself I played for Malawi in my wild youth but found my niche in underwater hockey. I represented Natal, captained Northern Province and played for Transvaal. The greatest honour was to be selected as Springbok captain of the national team. One of life's disappointments was when the tour to UK was called off due to political pressure.

For the rest I keep fit, am obviously interested in history and feel that I am a very lucky person to have so many friends and family and to live in this beautiful part of the Cape.