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Margaret Penny was born in England in 1919, the daughter of an Australian mother and a Scottish father.

At the age of 3, her family moved to South Africa where she grew up and was educated. She obtained a degree from the Witwatersrand University in Pretoria and taught English, Science and Mathematics.

Margaret met her husband Sandy on a mountain climbing trip. They were married in 1952 in Pretoria and lived for a time in Johannesburg.

The family moved to Tasmania (1960) before eventually settling in Perth with their 3 surviving children Jean (Germany), Stuart and Moira (Denmark WA).

While attached to the WA Education Department, Margaret taught at a number of Metropolitan High Schools, including Kalamunda, Melville, Applecross, John Curtin, eventually becoming a librarian teacher at Kent Street High School.

Apart from being a voracious reader on many topics, her interests included pottery, weaving and woodturning.

Margaret used her librarian expertise to assist the Kings Park Board in cataloguing of their records and publications. She did similar work for Western Mining Corporation.

Margaret was an active member of the Melville group of the Woodturners Association, attending classes and taking instruction from several Melville members.

Although her work never reached exhibition or gallery standard, she was a keen enthusiastic woodturner.

We are saddened by her sudden demise but remember her as a respected member and a gracious lady in every sense of that word.