

Esmé Sperber
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My mother, born in Johannesburg, South Africa on 8th April 1909. She was the elder daughter of Charles and Hettie Baneshik. She married my dentist father in 1932, and bore two sons, the elder, Geoffrey, and the younger, Colin. She became a widow at the age of 63, and lived in Johannesburg until her 89th year, when she immigrated to Edmonton, where her elder son was a Professor of Dentistry at the University of Alberta. She outlived her younger sister (aged 99) and brother (aged 85) to reach the venerable age of 102 at her death on 27th November 2011. She was survived by two sons, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.