

# LOVE Denis

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**Name:** Denis Love

**Born:** 1 November 1920

**Rank:** L/A.C

**Service Number:** 552234

**Unit/Regiment:** RAF

**Died:** 22 October 1974



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## Pre-War:

Denis was born and lived in Birmingham.

## Wartime experience:

All that is known at present is that he was captured on a U boat leaving Singapore and that he spent 3½ years as a prisoner of the Japanese. He suffered greatly under the harsh conditions which he had to endure.

*More research is being done to fill in these missing years.*

## Civilian life after return:

When Denis returned home after the war, he went back to his home city of Birmingham. He would have liked to stay in the RAF but there was talk of sending him back to the Far East and, after what he had been through, he couldn't cope with that idea. He married Sylvia Beason on 21 September 1947 and they went on to have 3 children, Denise, Susan and Steven. Sylvia told her children a little of Denis' experience and the nightmares he had for many years. It took him a long time to settle down and feel safe – this was due to the stability of his loving family.

Sadly, Denis died on 22 October 1974 at the age of 53.

Leaving behind his wife, two daughters who were in their 20s and his son Steven who was 13 yrs old.

Sylvia is now 96 and lives in a residential care home and has spent nearly 50 years living without her Denis.

*The above information has been provided by Sue Hollywood (daughter)*

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