

Myers, David Duncan Cameron (1924–1994)

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D. Cameron Myers

Photo courtesy of the Sanitarium Health Food Company Archives.

Cameron Myers commenced his service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church as an accountant. He worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for forty-six years until he retired in 1986 as the general manager of the company.

David Duncan Cameron Myers was born on December 13, 1924, in Auckland, New Zealand¹ He received his primary and secondary education in the province of Otago, New Zealand. He began his life-long career with the Sanitarium Health Food Company at the factory in Papanui, Christchurch, on March 1, 1940² Just three months later, he transferred to Dunedin on June 30, 1940, as a shop assistant. He remained there until March 31, 1943, and then returned to the Christchurch factory office as a clerk where he remained until February 1, 1949³

On November 6, 1945, Myers married Joan Marie. Three sons were born to this union, Bruce, Kenneth, and Iain⁴ Joan Myers died on March 13, 1966, at the age of 41⁵ Following her death, Cameron married Marion Barlow on January 21, 1973⁶ She had served as an office secretary in Christchurch, Wahroonga, and the Far Eastern Division in Singapore.⁷

In 1949, Myers moved to Australia as the accountant for the Sydney retail branch of Sanitarium Health Food Company. Four years later, in 1953, he was appointed the accountant, first at the Christchurch, South New Zealand, factory and then at the Cooranbong, New South Wales, factory. Between March 1960 and September

1966, he was the factory manager at Christchurch before taking up the same role in the Palmerston North factory. Five years later, in January 1972, he became manager of the Auckland factory until July 1973 when he became manager for the New Zealand operations of the company, a position he held until October 1979:⁸

From October 29, 1979, to July 7, 1980, Myers was the production manager at the Sanitarium Health Food Company head office in Sydney, Australia. He served as the assistant general manager of the company until the end of 1981 when he became the general manager at the beginning of 1982. He retired at the end of 1986 after being general manager for five years.⁹

David Duncan Cameron Myers died in New Zealand on July 7, 1994.¹⁰

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