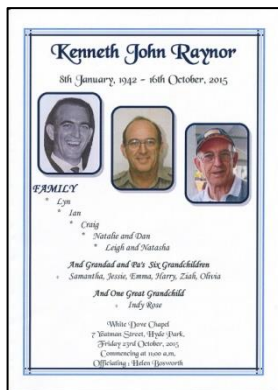


IN MEMORY OF

Ken Raynor – WOFF RadtechG

Ernie Gimm advises that Ken Raynor died on Friday 16th October.

Ernie attended Ken's funeral which was held on the 23rd October. He says: "I attended Ken's funeral and have attached the front page of the Service Guide. (Click it to read a bigger copy)



Ken was born in Townsville and went to the South Townsville primary. He later attended the Townsville Grammar where he joined the ATC. He was awarded a scholarship and qualified as a Cessna and Tiger Moth pilot before he was 17 years old. He was also a qualified Life Saver with the Picnic Bay Life Saving Club when he met wife Lyn.

He joined the RAAF in the mid to late 60's and served for 21 years with postings to UK and Malaysia. He served in Darwin from Dec 70-74, Williamstown from 74-77, Malaysia 77-80 and later in Townsville where he was promoted to WOff and served as WOff Rad until his retirement in 1989. He then served at Alice Springs and Canberra as a public servant before returning to Townsville to commence his own business.

At age 62 in 2004, Ken was diagnosed with dementia which eventually lead to his death."

Albert "Alby" Burns.

Arthur Rennick advises that Alby Burns, ex WOFF, passed away on Sunday 18 October 2015 after a long battle with prostate cancer. Alby was a Clerk Admin and served in Vietnam from May 1967 to May 1968. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 21st October at the Gregson and Weight funeral home Wisers Road, Buderim.



Vic Guthrie, GPCAPT, Retired.

John Griffiths advises that Vic Guthrie passed away in Canberra on Monday, 5th Oct 2015. Vic was buried on Tuesday 13th October in



Mitchell, ACT.

Vic Guthrie was awarded the DFC for his service as CO RTFV/35SQN Vietnam. Vic was the initial CO of RTFV/35Sqn, arriving Vung Tau in November 1965. He returned to 38 Sqn at Richmond in July 1966 flying Caribou and Dakota aircraft. He was then posted as CO Base Squadron, Darwin in 1967 and in 1968, was posted to Dept of Air.

Vic joined the RAAF in 1941 and completed pilot training at Narromine and Forrest Hill. He was sent to England where he was operational in training novice pilots to fly Spitfires and Hurricanes. He was then sent down to India as an instructor with the RAF until 1943/44 when he posted to No 136 Fighter Squadron (RAF) flying Spitfires/Hurricanes against the Japanese in India, Burma, Ceylon.

After the war and back in Australia, he converted to Mustangs and was then posted to Japan with No 82SQN (BCOF), from 1945 until 1947. In 1947 he was posted to 3SQN (Mustangs) then, in 1950, to No 87SQN (Mosquitos).

In January 1956, it was back to the UK for parachute training after which he returned to Williamstown as CO of the Parachute Training Wing.

In November 1959, he was posted to the RAAF Academy as OC Cadet Squadron then it was off to the [RAAF Staff College](#) (Pt Cook) after which he was posted to 11SQN which at that time was flying Neptunes out of Richmond. In December 1961, he was appointed CO of 22SQN at Richmond.

He discharged in May 1970 after 29 years' service and was on staff at Government House, Canberra for 14 years until his retirement.

In May 1966, the Australian Prime Minister Mr Harold Holt pauses for a moment to have his picture taken during his recent visit to the RAAF Transport Flight in South Vietnam. With him are Squadron Leader Vic Guthrie (left) and Flight Lieutenant Richard Jones.





Colin Hendy

Rod McLaren advises the passing of Colin Hendy on 06 November 2015 – he was only 67 years old. Colin was an Engine fitter and crewman with 9 Sqn serving in Vietnam from August 1969 to July 1970.



Vietnam veterans Alan Lamb, Colin Hendy, Peter Robinson, and Brian Mahony

Col was one of the blokes instrumental in getting Iroquois 296 refurbished and installed at the Bull's Creek museum in Perth. He had acute Prostate cancer, which Rod understands spread to his spine and head.

He leaves a wife and family and lived in the Perth suburbs.

Russell Douglas Anderssen.

Stew Bonett advised that "Russ" Anderssen had died peacefully while in the Bundaberg Base Hospital on Tuesday the 22nd September. Russ was a well-known identity and electrician on the first RAAF Mob in Vietnam. Russ was with RTFV from 20 July 1964 to 26 Feb 1965. He had been in poor health with renal





problems. He joined the RAAF as an apprentice and was on the 3rd intake (Sunbeams) which graduated in 1951.

Russ was 84 years old. His funeral was held on Tuesday 29th September, 2015 in Bundaberg.

Kerry Bos

Chris Neil advises the sad news that our colleague Kerry Bos passed away last Thursday 29 October 2015 at 11:00 am. He had been suffering from melanoma, and finally succumbed. His funeral will be held at Christ Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan, on Monday 9 November at 1030.

Nevell Smallwood

John Sambrooks advises that Nevell Smallwood passed away on the 30th August. Nev was a framie and served in Vietnam with RTFV/35Sqn from Nov 1965 to July 1966 as a Sgt. He had been living in Beerwah (Qld) and died just 2 months before his 88th birthday. We knew Nev, damn nice bloke, he will be sadly missed.

Barry Barlow.

Ernie Gimm advises the passing of Barry Barlow. Barry died on the 27th November 2015 and his funeral service was held on the 8th December at the Norwood Park Crematorium in Mitchell, ACT.



Barry was a Teleg and was on course 86 Telegs.

Ron Burr and Ted O'Donovan.

Ernie Gimm sent us this information, sadly, we have no further details.

Ron Burr died earlier this year and Ted O'Donovan died on the 13 October in Seattle Washington.