



IN MEMORY OF



Jeff Wessels.

Kev Hinch has advised that Jeff Wessels, that lovable rogue, passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit in Townsville on the 22 December, 2018. He had fought an incredibly courageous fight for many years, always with great humour and dignity.





Jeff's funeral was held at Morley Funerals in Townsville on the 7th January after which attendees were invited back to the Townsville RSL to celebrate and remember their old mate.

Jim Mullins

John Sambrooks advises the passing of Jim Mullins on the 22nd December 2018. Jim was a sumpie and as a Sergeant served with RTFV in Vietnam from March 1965 to Nov 1965.

Jim shown here doing an engine change on one of the Caribous.

Jim was born in Essendon in 1927, he was 91 years old.

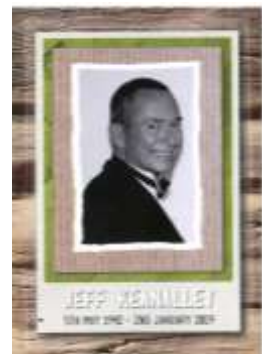


Ron Starkie

Allan George advises the passing of WGCDR Ron Strakie (Ret'd) who was CO Radschool from June 1968 until Dec 1971. Sadly, Ron passed away on the 18 Dec 2018, age 95. He was a great member of the Engineer and radio fraternity though unfortunately recent ill health prevented his attendance at luncheons for the past few years.

Jeff Keanalley

Bob Hambling advises that Jeff Keanalley, who was on 12 Radio Apprentice course died on the Gold Coast on 2 Jan 2019. He was diagnosed with lung cancer about 6 months ago and was able to continue working as an accountant until the day before he died. He had operated an accountancy practice for many years and was featured in the Business Review Weekly as the Bare Foot Accountant. He also worked as a bookmaker, opal mine owner, estate agent and shop keeper. He had a life-long passion for aviation and held a private pilot's licence.



Jeff was born in May 1942 – he was 76 years old.

Brian Cairns

Dick Tracey advises the passing of ex apprentice Brian Cairns. Brian was an instrument fitter off no 2 intake and went on to become a pilot and flew Mustangs, Meteors and Sabres. Brian had



an amazing career ex Air Force too, he went back to engineering and was the chief engineer for Connellan airways in Alice Springs and then commenced a funeral home business in Alice. Dick says he first met Brian in Alice when he was in his early seventies, he was still working had his own parcel delivery business. For those who were at the Appy reunion in Wagga in 2013 some may remember Brian carried the flag for the Anzac Day March. He also attended last year.

Brian passed on Australia Day 2019 and would have been 87 years old in a few days. In true appy fashion he was a fighter to the end but was at peace with himself and the world.

Stanley “John” Wilson

Peter Hodge advises that Wing Commander (Ret'd) Stanley Wilson, known as John, Intel/Linguist and old HK hand, died on 13 January. His funeral notice was in the Canberra Times on Saturday, 19th January. Born in England back in 1932, he was 86 years old.



John was buried at the Woden Cemetery on Monday 21st January, 2019.

Lance Halvorson has written a wonderful tribute to John Wilson – you can read it [HERE](#).

James “Jim” David Butler

We have been advised of the passing of Jim Butler who passed away peacefully at the Mater Hospital, Bundaberg on the 4th February, 2019, aged 85 years. His Funeral Service was on Saturday 9th February, 2019. Jim had joined the RAAF back in 1957 when Rookies were held at Richmond. He was a RadtechA and discharged as a WO in 1977.



Thomas “Tom” Preston

Clarry Kitzelmann advises that Thomas Preston passed away at his home in Castlemaine Vic on 22nd February, 2019. Tom's Funeral was held on Thursday 28th February. Sorry, no further details.

Edward (Ed) David Plenty

John McDougall advises the passing of Wing Commander (Retired) Edward (Ed) David Plenty who was a pilot during the Korean War. He was born on the 7th April 1931 and passed away in Darwin on Thursday 28th February 2019. Ed was the father of Brian (Jack) ex Caribou pilot and



Matt who left 38 SQN. last December on a posting to Canberra. His funeral was held in Darwin on Friday 8th March. Our condolences to his family.

Toby Payne

Keith Beardesmore advises "Toby" Payne died on the 6th Jan. Toby had been living in Townsville for many years. Sorry, no further details.

Carol Hall

Sadly, Carol Hall, wife of 3 Sqn Assoc's Jim Hall, passed away on the 9th March, 2019. Carol had been battling cancer for several years and finally she lost the battle and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family.

Carol's funeral was held at the Brisbane suburb of Carbrook on the 15th March.

A lovely and always happy lady who was actively involved in the 3 Sqn Association. She will be sadly missed.



Frank Cooke

Col Hill advises the passing of 16 Radio Apprentice Course member, Frank Cooke on 9 Jan. Frank had suffered from metastatic melanoma. In her email to 16 Course members, his wife Jan said that although Frank had cancer for several years it metastasised to his brain and spine and the end came very quickly.



Lillian Coxhedge

Ernie Gimm advises that Lillian Coxhedge, who was Lillian Weber when she served in the WRAAF as a Tprinop, sadly passed away suddenly on the 3rd March 2019. Lillian was an active member of the Djinnang association and will be sadly missed.

Lillian's funeral was held on Tuesday the 12th March in Mysterton (Townsville).





Dallas Sampson

Peter Haddow advises that Dallas Sampson died on Sunday 24 Mar 2019, his funeral was held at the Mt Gravatt (Brisbane) Crematorium on the 29th March. Dallas passed away peacefully.

He started on course [62RTC](#) at Radschool in 1972 but moved off to Wagga with numerous others and became an Eleco. He served his 6 years then moved back to Qld.



Sidney Robert Scott

Gary Hauk advises that Sidney Scott passed away recently. His funeral was held at Hiram Philp Funerals, 52 Herries St, East Toowoomba QLD on Tuesday the 2 April 2019. Sidney served with RTFV in Vung Tau from June 1965 to January 1966. Sorry, no further details

Hedley Horne

John Mackie advises the sad news of the passing of Hedley Horne on Saturday 30 March.

Sorry, no further details





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