

## IN MEMORY OF



### **Graeme “Picka” Parker and Reginald “Reg” Cowling.**

On the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, Graeme and Reg were turning onto the Pacific Highway, north of Raymond Terrace (NSW) when they were involved in a horror accident with a heavy truck. Sadly, both men were killed instantly.

Graeme (75 years old) was a Framie, worked on the Mirage and the Iroquois with 9 Sqn and retired as a WOE.

Reg (78 years old) was also a Framie, worked on the Mirage and other assorted aircraft and he too discharged as a WOE.



Graeme's funeral service was held at the North Chapel, Newcastle Memorial Park on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

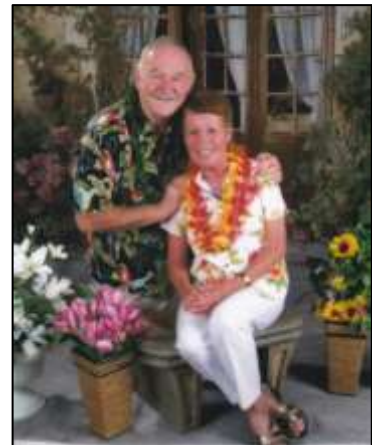
Reg's funeral service was held at the Karuah Anglican Church on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

## Linley "Lyn" Griffiths.

Sadly, Lyn Griffiths, wife of RTFV-35Sqn Association member, WgCdr John Griffiths (Ret'd), passed away peacefully at 3.30am on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Lyn's health had been deteriorating over recent times and she was admitted to Logan Hospital where she passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

Lyn was born in Perth, WA, on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1944. She and John met at Pearce when John was gaining his wings at the RAAF flying school. They were married for 50 wonderful years.



Lyn's very moving funeral service was held at the Great Southern Memorial Park in Carbrook, Qld on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am, following which John and his family welcomed the many attending friends to refreshments which were held at the funeral home.



## Martin “Marty” Smith

Mark Antonio advises the passing of Martin Smith, 20 intake Eleco on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Marty's main postings were East Sale, Butterworth and Amberly. Mark says “He had been battling cancer for quite a few years and was in good spirits when I visited him on the 18th April at his home at Victoria Point QLD but unfortunately only lasted the week.”

Sorry, no further details.

## Ian Robert Simper

Ian sadly passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019, aged 76 years. Ian was on 27 RMC then became a Teleg, then a SigsOp and served with 3TU and was later commissioned into the Intel Branch. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend a celebration of Ian's life to be held at Allambe Memorial Park, Garden Chapel, Nerang, Qld on Wednesday 15th May, commencing at 1pm.



## J.E.T. Woods.

Garry Jesser advises that JET Woods passed away peacefully at his home in Adelaide on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Sorry, no further details.



## Terrence James Mansbridge.

Mal Sayers advises Terry Mansbridge passed away 24<sup>th</sup> May from cancer. Terry served in Vietnam as a GH with 2 Squadron from 19April1967 to 19April1968. His funeral was held at the Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore on Monday 3rd June 2019.

## Brian Mahoney.

Ted McEvoy advises with great regret and sadness that Brian Mahoney passed away on the 27th May 2019. He was 73 years old. Brian's funeral was held Pinnaroo on Wednesday the 5th June 2019.

Brian served in Vietnam as a Cpl with 9 Sqn as a Radtech from 18Feb1970 to 18Dec1970.



## Peter Mansfield.

John Sambrooks advises the passing of an old mate, Peter "Perce" Mansfield on the 27<sup>th</sup> May in Townsville. Peter was a framie, did a tour of Vietnam in 1966 then was posted back to Richmond to 38Sqn. I was lucky enough to accompany Perce on a couple of trips away with the Caribou, he was always good company - tb. Sorry, we don't have any funeral details.



## Frank Pederick.

Noel Hadfield advises the passing of Frank Pederick on the 25th May. Frank's funeral was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May in Castlemaine, Vic. Frank was on one of the earliest Radio Apprentice courses which started at Frognall in 1948. He was later on No 1 Fellowship Diploma Course which started at Frognall in 1953 and studied Communication Engineering at RMIT (then known as Melbourne Technical College). He graduated in 1954 and was commissioned in the Engineer (then Technical) Branch.

## Frank Morris.

Graham Henry advises the passing of Frank Morris on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – just before his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. Frank's health had deteriorated over time and he was not able to cope with daily activities which led to being admitted to Care. He is buried at the Fawkner Cemetery, north of



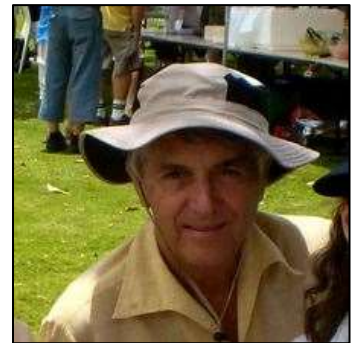
Melbourne. Frank was on 5th Intake (Buttercups) and completed the ELECFITT course with SGT App rank, graduating in the top dozen of the 116 graduates. Later, he swapped to aircrew and successfully completed the SIG course and spent many years flying in Neptune aircraft out of Townsville. He achieved WGCDR rank and was SOPUBS at HQSC/HQLC prior to early retirement to start his own Printing and Publications business.

Later, he was involved with management at Williamstown Dockyards on Ship Building and then on contracting services for military activities in South East Asia.

Frank was a determined leading figure as an Apprentice and this aptitude led to many successful roles throughout his RAAF career and during the later senior management positions he chose to follow.

## **Graham Johnson.**

John Sambrooks advises the passing of Graham Johnson of Tewantin. Graham passed away on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019. He was born in Brisbane on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1939, he was a few days short of 80 years old. Graham was an elec fitter and served in 35 Squadron in Vietnam from September 1966 to September 1967. Graham's funeral was held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Noosaville.



## **Bryan (Zac) Tanner.**

Ted McEvoy advises the passing of Bryan Tanner, ex Radtech. Brian passed away on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June around 6:15pm with immediate family at his side. His battle with dementia got the better of him to the degree that he could no longer care for himself at all. Last week he developed a chest infection which developed into pneumonia and in his weakened state was unable to fight it off even with medical assistance.

He was farewelled on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Uniting Church in Caloundra Qld.

## **Don Brooks.**

Kerry Brooks advises that Don passed away on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. Don was a Founding Member, Committee Member, Past President and Life Member of the 2 Squadron Association. He served as an ADMINO with 2 Squadron in Vietnam from April 1967 to March 1968. Don has battled a tumour in the liver since March and has bravely fought. Last Friday it became evident that it was going to be too difficult to fight and he passed away on Monday in Gold Coast Private Hospital.



According to Don's wishes there will be no funeral, however, Kerry will arrange a memorial at the end of the month in a private room at Nerang RSL.

## Bill Dixon.

Susan Odell advises that her father, [Bill Dixon](#), WngCdr (Ret'd) had died on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Bill was a former State Secretary, Trustee and Life Member of the RAAF Association in Tasmania.

## Bob Snedden

Ernie Gimm asvises that Bob Snedden (ex WOff Commsop) passed away on Friday the 12th July. Bob's funeral service will be held at the Funeral Chapel, 502 Wanneroo Road, Westminister, WA at 10am Wednesday 17th July 2019.



## Darryl Lynch.

Neil Hunter advises the passing of Darryl Lynch, ex-3TTC 65/66, on the afternoon of the 14th July. Sorry, no further details.

