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OWEN CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTONE 4331 Aged 94

Owen was born at Springbank Farm, South Canterbury, on 5 March 1919. He attended Waihi School and Christ's College followed by some years study at St Wilfred's in England and Lincoln College, the latter interrupted by the outbreak of World War II.

After serving in the Fleet Air Arm during the war, Owen returned to take over Springbank Farm, married Prue Wanklyn in 1948 and devoted his life to his family, his farm and his community. He was a practical farmer and one who showed great empathy with the land and what it was capable of producing, being justifiably proud of his Aberdeen Angus cattle and the various breeds of sheep he introduced as farming and climatic conditions changed.

Owen gave many hours to the local Otaio-Bluecliffs Parish, in its administration and growing crops for the benefit of the Church and the St Andrews Golf Club, of which he was a founding member, and was able to appreciate more once he retired from farming.

Many other boards and associations benefitted from his patient input, the most significant being the South Canterbury Automobile Association of which he was President from 1981 - 1983. He took time out to enjoy his hobbies with family and friends, camping, fishing, jet boating and touring in his vintage cars.

On retiring from the farm Owen and Prue moved to Timaru, where he maintained a large garden until suffering a stroke in 2000. Although physically restricted by the effects of the stroke and the onset of arthritis (both his hips were replaced over the years, the second when he was 92) he was able to continue one of his other great interests, his family history. On an old Imperial typewriter he produced transcriptions of his grandfather's and father's diaries, as well as writing his own memoirs, all of which are fascinating reading and a great legacy for his family to enjoy. Owen also enjoyed a lively debate, maintaining an interest in politics until the end.

He was deeply saddened by the death of his eldest son Phillip (7311) in 2008. Owen died at Timaru on 23 January 2014. He is survived by Prue, his sons Richard (7573) and Endell (8769), daughters Joanna and Fiona, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

JOHN ROBERT ALLISON 4373 Aged 92

Was the second son of Henry Kiver Allison (dentist) and Muriel Allison (nee Ward), they had four sons and one daughter. John attended Christ's College from 1934 - 1937, in Julius House, along with his three brothers, Ward (4304), David (4638) (designer of College Hall 1966) and Andrew (5006).

From College he went on to Canterbury University to study accountancy, although WWII interrupted his studies when he enlisted in the Navy. After war service, he

graduated as a chartered accountant in 1949, and continued in the profession for the next 60 years. He never really spoke of his war experiences to his family, nothing specific, just general abhorrence of the utter waste of life.

John married Elise Cattell who he met as a patient at the Sanatorium in Cashmere in 1953. They raised three daughters, Elizabeth, Diana and Jennie, and one son, Mark (8314). John and Elise were three months short of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

John was involved in a wide range of community interests, namely The Historic Places Trust, Pilgrims & Early Settlers Museum, and was honorary treasurer to several others.

A very family orientated father, John was honest, with a strong work ethic. He was loyal, his integrity absolute, and he had a quick sense of humour.

JOHN ELDERSON MILLAR 4510 Aged 92

John was born in Christchurch in 1922, the son of Ernest and Alice Millar, father of David John (7866). He attended Cathedral Grammar and went to Christ's College from 1935 to 1940. He was a keen middle-distance runner, representing Canterbury and later New Zealand Universities. He started a law course at Canterbury, which was still a college of the University of New Zealand. By the end of 1941 the war intervened and all 18 year olds were mobilised, but students were allowed to finish their exams. He joined the Territorial Army signal corps. He wanted to join the Navy, so when his call-up came he started training on 7 September 1942. In February 1943 Ordinary Seaman Millar joined HMNZS Leander, which was torpedoed and badly damaged by the Japanese in the Solomon's on 13 July. After crawling back to Auckland and being patched up, the ship sailed to Boston USA for proper repairs. The crew was to sail to Briton, and John was asked if he wanted to try for a commission. He went to King Alfred, the Officers' Training School in Dartmouth. When he was commissioned he was invited to volunteer for submarine service. He always said it was a compliment he could hardly refuse. Fortunately the war in Europe ended before he saw active service in a submarine, and he was one of a group who went to Lisahally in Northern Ireland to take charge of the surrendered German U boats.

When he arrived home in September he took up his law studies again and returned to running. Both were successful and he set up his own practice in Christchurch. In 1951 he married Catherine - daughter of Herbert Gould (2178). His law practice gradually expanded to become Millar, Kerr and Co. He served as a member of the Canterbury District Law Society, and as President in 1969. One of his special interests was his involvement in the Christchurch Diocese Anglican Social Service Council. He was a member of the committee for 11 years, becoming the first lay president for the last four years.

In 1972 he was appointed a Magistrate and moved to Hamilton. In 1981 the judicial system was revamped, and Magistrates became District Court Judges - same job, different title! "His Honour" always said that if someone didn't like his decision they could always apply upstairs! Even some of his customers said that he was tough but fair. He resigned in 1988 because of deafness - no doubt started by that torpedo. He was afraid of mishearing people in court.

After retirement John was able to devote more time to the family, the garden and the beach house at Onemana on the Coromandel Coast. He and Catherine were both licensed to deliver Home Communion and assist in mid-week services. John's main aim in life was to look after others.

He died on 12 August 2014 and is survived by his wife Catherine of 62 years, one son, three daughters, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

DUNCAN LEO JOHNS 4587 Aged 90

Duncan, brother of Alan (4176), attended College in Julius House from 1936 to 1940.

In a school whose winter sport was at that time dominated by rugby, Duncan gained representative honours in under age hockey. The cricket 2nd XI left lasting happy memories of playing alongside the future New Zealand fast bowler Tony MacGibbon.

Having gained a BSc at the University of Canterbury, Duncan developed a love of agriculture. Marrying Elizabeth in 1949 he joined the Department of Agriculture in Christchurch. He was then involved in the initial mapping and soil testing of many of the farming soils throughout New Zealand.

Leaving the Department in 1957 he moved his family to Akaroa, Banks Peninsula and farmed Pompeys Pillar and subsequently Paua Bay on the eastern coast. In the early 1960's these two farms were used by the Department of Agriculture as demonstration farms. They were used to demonstrate to the farming community the productive and economic benefits to be gained by the use of aerial topdressing and subdivision.

Duncan was an active member in many areas of the Akaroa and Peninsula communities. His love of turf culture led him in the late 1960's to be a leading light in the development of the new Akaroa Golf Course at Duvauchelle and for many years in the maintenance of the Akaroa Bowling Green.

Duncan died on 5 October 2013 and is survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughters Nicola and Phillipa, son Murray (7969) and seven grandchildren.

ROBIN HUNTER YOUNG 4733 Aged 91

Robin was born in Naseby, Central Otago in 1922. He spent his early years on a remote hill country farm near the Kyeburn Diggings. Because road access to Naseby was difficult he was sent at just seven years old to Waihi, and later went to Christ's College before returning to the family farm. His brother Anthony (6704) also attended College some twenty years later. It was intended that Robin should take over the farm but WWII intervened so he volunteered. After a period of training he served in the NZ Cavalry Divisions (Div Cav) in the Italian campaign for over three years as a radio operator in an armoured car. His companions in that car remained lifelong friends although he outlived them all.

Robin's father was a WWI veteran and amputee, and the farm had to be sold during Robin's years in the Army. When he returned he hoped to go back to farming, completed a course at Lincoln, and worked on many farms around Canterbury. He was unsuccessful many times in drawing a property in Returned Servicemen's ballots. Eventually he came to Christchurch and worked in a clerical capacity at various firms, his final position was in the office at Cable Price Downer. For several years Robin enjoyed filling the role as Santa Claus at the annual Christmas picnic because he always arrived in an interesting form of transport, ranging from jeep to speedboat.

Marian and Robin married in 1971 and in spite of their late start enjoyed nearly 43 years of marriage and companionship. Although they had no children themselves they had close relationships with nieces and nephews and their children. Robin's kindness, sense of fun and love of the ridiculous made him a favourite uncle.

In his retirement Robin pursued many interests. He enjoyed golf and achieved two holes in one at Harewood. Classical music was a great love and he had a good record and later CD collection. He proved to have a talent at wood carving and spent many productive hours in his workshop. Most of all, Robin was an excellent and enthusiastic gardener. Roses were a special love. His collection at home however was tiny compared with the dozens he looked after at the St James Church Memorial Garden in Riccarton, which he tended for 24 years. In 2007 he was awarded a Community Services award for his dedication to this garden.

Robin died on 22 November 2013 aged 91. The comment most often passed at this time was that he was 'a true gentleman'.

SHOLTO HAMILTON GEORGESON 4738 Aged 92

Dick, as he was known, was born on 7 May 1922 at Ashwick Station, near Fairlie. It was an inauspicious beginning: his mother Leila died ten days later and his father Robert Georgeson would rejoin the Navy, to be thought lost at sea in a shipwreck. Dick was brought up by his grandmother at Ashwick and his brilliant engineer uncle C.W.F. (Bill) Hamilton at Irishman Creek.

As a small boy he heard with amazement of flying machines, and at school in Timaru aged 11, had his first flight in the "Southern Cross" with Charles Kingsford-Smith; the experience determined him to become a pilot himself. This young boy growing up in the back country was already adept with machinery; Uncle Bill had built a dam and water wheel powered by a generator for electricity at Ashwick in 1917, and Dick operated this for his grandmother by the time he was eight years old. Racing driver Bill taught him to drive, and at 12 he became his grandmother's official driver (Constable McIntosh of Fairlie turning a blind eye).

In 1936 the family was in England, and it was here that he was first excited by glider flight as relative Philip Wills soared along the Dunstable ridge. Back at home he started at College in 1937, but after a year or so of indifferent health returned to Irishman where he was apprenticed to Bill. Through the war years the workshop produced munitions for the war effort. However his dream of flying was shattered when his airforce application was rejected because of eyesight problems.

After the war he worked in shipyards in Canada, then joined a youth taskforce to help repair the devastations of war in Eastern Europe. His post was at Lidice, the little Czech town flattened by the Nazis, a grimly sobering experience. Eventually reaching England in 1948, he was introduced to gliding by Wills at the London Gliding Club and despite eyesight problems, soon won proficiency level. He had noticed long ago in the Mackenzie the long white lenticular clouds characteristic of wave formation, and now realised that there could be fine possibilities at home for the sport. Returning in 1949, by March 1953 he had set six New Zealand records in the state-of-the art German Weihe glider he bought from Wills. In 1956 he was in the New Zealand team at the World Gliding Championships in France, and in December 1960 won his first world record, a Gain of Height of 34,392 ft (commercial airliners were then flying at 10,000ft), climbing the massive standing wave of the nor'west arch in a tiny vessel at a temperature of minus 57° C with ailerons and airbrakes frozen solid. Six more world records and countless New Zealand records would follow, some shared with his wife, glider pilot Helen Georgeson. His favourite world record flight was in 1978 from Lake Te Anau well down south to Hicks Bay, on the tip of the North Island's East Cape, a distance of nearly 1,300 kilometres on the power of the wind alone.

In May 1962 a remarkable coincidence brought immense happiness to Dick's life: aged 40, he was reunited with the father he had never known, who had not perished at sea, and a void of longing from infancy was now filled. Although Robert Georgeson lived in Australia, they remained close for the rest of his life.

In 1970 he was again in the team for the World Gliding Championships, at Marfa, Texas. Acknowledged by world gliding as the guru of wave exploration, he was recognised by the prestigious international awards of the FAI Gold Medal and the Lilienthal Medal for his contribution to aviation. He was made MBE in 1978. A man not given to pride, nonetheless one of his proudest moments was leading

the New Zealand team at the opening ceremony of the 1995 World Gliding Championships at Omarama. In the 21st century, he enjoyed spending time with Steve Fosset and the NASA scientists at Omarama on their Perlan Project visits.

A founder member of the family company C.W.F. Hamilton & Co. Ltd in 1939 with Uncle Bill and others, Dick from 1949 was travelling widely in New Zealand selling and finding new agents, later travelling overseas including behind the Iron Curtain for licences to manufacture, selling ships on behalf of Taikoo Dockyards, and representing the British Shipbuilding Group. He believed that the greatest asset of a company was its workforce which made for an excellent relationship with the Union, and as General Manager and a director he was particularly concerned for staff welfare. In the 1970's the company was making the marine jet units developed by Bill, and heavy engineering projects for the smelter, power stations, dams and railway wagons. Retiring as General Manager in 1982 he remained a director of the company until resigning at the end of 2013 when the board conferred on him the title of Director Emeritus.

There was much more in his busy life: sailing, walking and tramping, reading widely and enjoying classical music, travel. He was a committed and loyal friend, and a loving family man. A generous and kind benefactor, he truly valued people; he was himself an adventurous man of much courage, modesty, and an endearing natural charm.

He is survived by his wife Anna Wilson, three children and two grandchildren from his earlier marriage, and a stepdaughter.

ALAN JAMES BRUCE 4823 Aged 89

Alan James Bruce was born in Timaru in 1923; he served in WWII from 1944 to 1946, in Egypt, Italy and the Japan Occupation Forces.

Alan attended Canterbury University in 1947, and was accepted to study Veterinary Science at Sydney University, where he graduated in 1951. He married Judith, a Sydney lass in 1951 and returned to New Zealand to establish a new veterinary club (Malvern) at Darfield. In 1954 Alan moved his family, including young Andy to Wairoa, Hawkes Bay, to be part of the Gisborne Vet Club. Seven years practising for the sheep and beef farming community led to the opportunity to purchase a 300 hectare dry stock farm in South Canterbury.

Waterfall Farm, Raincliff, 20 kilometres from Pleasant Point was developed over many years into a well performing productive unit with a successful Coopworth Stud. He was an advocate for sustainable farming and invested time and energy in planting shelter and restoration trees.

Alan was active in the local community serving on the Pest Destruction Board, Drought Relief Committee, the Pleasant Point Golf Club, and St David's Anglican Church Vestry. He was a keen and accomplished golfer.

Alan's other keen interest was hunting, including many trips to Fiordland, with a great love of the outdoors tramping became a passion, sharing many of the walks of New Zealand with Judith and friends.

Alan and Judy sold the farm in 1986 and retired to Timaru to continue their active life, including golf, bowls, and travel.

His children Andrew (7933) (Bangkok), Stuart (8192) (Wanganui), Philippa (Vancouver) and Peter (9145) (Auckland) are each married with families. Alan was proud of his children and travelled to visit them in retirement.

Alan died in his 90th year on 13 September 2013.

JOHN HUMPHREY COOKE 4842 Aged 87

John was the youngest child of Ernest (1989) and Katherine Cooke, brother of Janet, David (4379) and Ursula. He was born in Lincoln, schooled initially by a governess, until 1935 when his father moved his general practice to Christchurch, on the corner of Papanui Road and Merivale Lane. John went to Medbury and gained a Somes Scholarship to Christ's College. There he acquired the nickname 'Coke', which suited his jaunty nature and ready wit.

His father died in 1941 when he was 15, and John left school in 1943 to pursue a farming career. Aged 18, he joined Navy Scheme B and trained briefly as an Officer Cadet in England before the war ended. While in England he met relations of his mother, who was from London, and attended a wool-classing course in Bradford. Returning to New Zealand he completed a Diploma of Agriculture at Lincoln College before starting work shepherding and mustering on high country stations.

The challenge of working on these large grazing properties steeped in pioneering history inspired his farming ambitions. Starting with very little capital he was fortunate to eventually buy Big Ben, a high country farm in the Rakaia Gorge area. This was after working as a farm manager on properties in North Canterbury, followed by ownership of a plains farm at Te Pirita. Purchase of this first property coincided with the Korean War wool boom allowing early retirement of debt. After eight years, he traded up to the eight thousand acre run.

While working in North Canterbury he met Janet Shackleton at a friend's wedding. They married in Waimate in 1953 and went on to have four children – Peter (8064), Hugh (8193), Tony (8728), and Juliet.

John and Janet worked hard to increase production at Big Ben and create a comfortable family home and garden despite the frosts and fierce nor'west winds. John enjoyed salmon fishing on the Rakaia, skiing at Mt Olympus and tended a large vegetable garden in his spare time.

He took pride in his stock. Merinos were added to the flock of half-breed sheep

to improve the wool. He developed a herd of Hereford beef cattle, including the Norfolk Stud and edited the Hereford Breeders Magazine for five years. As a fat lamb producer he became involved in the processing industry and was a founding director and shareholder of Fortex. Membership of the Merino and Hereford Societies introduced John and Janet to wider circles and they toured Canada, Spain, Uruguay, and Hungary with these groups.

From his mid thirties he suffered increasing deafness. After unsuccessful middle ear surgery he relied on hearing aids to communicate, but never let this affliction dampen his spirits, and kept his great sense of humour.

John and Janet bought seventy acres overlooking Akaroa, and built a house they retired to in 1991, leaving Big Ben with a manager until it was sold in 2001. With spectacular views of the harbour and native bush Akaroa was a beautiful place for family holidays. As their fitness declined John and Janet moved from hilly Akaroa to a flat lifestyle block at Greenpark, near his birthplace Lincoln, before their final move to Wellington, where three of their children live.

Although a dyed in the wool Cantabrian, John adjusted to life in Wellington as best he could, and enjoyed keeping up with his nine grandchildren's activities. Worsening dementia meant he spent the last two years of his life at Whitby Rest Home and Hospital where he received very good care. John and Janet reached their 60th wedding anniversary a month before he died.

CHARLES FREDERICK COLLINGWOOD OLDHAM 4887 Aged 88

Charles' funeral service was held in St Mary's Church, Halswell, and not in the Cathedral with which, along with the other St Mary's in Merivale, Charles had very strong and long links. This was because, in about 1920, the Vicar of that Parish married the organist's daughter. That Vicar, also Charles Oldham (1362), and the organist's daughter, Hilda, were Charles' parents and lived in the Vicarage next door to the church – now a popular restaurant. Charles was born in the front room of that house in 1925.

When Charles was three, the family moved to Pleasant Point in South Canterbury when Charles Senior was appointed vicar of the parish. There were five churches in the parish and he would spend busy Sunday mornings tagging along with his father in a badly-driven Model T. Charles' early education was done by his mother through the correspondence school, due to his very poor eyesight, but he later attended Pleasant Point School.

In 1939 the family returned to Christchurch and moved into a large villa in Mansfield Avenue. Charles started at Christ's College, helped by the College policy of offering significant discounts to the sons of clergy. He started his College days in the old Waiting House, becoming one of the first to enter Condells House when it re-opened as a dayboy house under Tommy Tothill in 1940. He

was excused participation in sport because of his poor eyesight, but coped well with schoolwork, with much help from the staff. He did not enter sixth form, but passed University Entrance in the fifth form. In that year he won the Warden's Prize for Divinity. Having a fondness for talking, which lasted into his chosen career, he took an active part in the Dialectic Society. There were stories that he did Latin prep for other pupils, but it is not known whether this was an early commercial venture, or purely good nature.

In his last year at College and at age 18, Charles was called up for service in the WWII. After what was possibly the shortest medical examination in history he was declared unfit for service and returned to his studies at university.

He studied law at Canterbury College and graduated with his Masters degree in about 1950. He then went into legal practice for nearly 50 years, first with the small firm Dale and Oldham, which later became Oldham Cullens & Co. This firm later merged with Bell Taylor, which was then consumed by Duncan Cotterill. At the time of his passing he was among the oldest solicitors on the Law Society's roll. He was proud of the fact that as far as he was aware he was the last solicitor alive to have taken the oath of allegiance to King George VI.

Even with atrocious eyesight, Charles was an avid reader. He brought a new meaning to the phrase 'having your nose in a book' as he had to hold the book very close to read it. In the days when the print on the Christchurch Press was less adhesive than it is now, the tip of his nose would be a delicate shade of grey after his daily reading of the paper. More recently books became harder to read, but the Press was always consumed.

Another passion, which he gave up in more recent years, was jigsaw puzzles. Not small ones but those large several thousand piece ones with endless areas of sky and with each piece virtually identical in shape. He would be found poring over these with a bright desk light and a very large magnifying glass. Often taking months to complete, once done, he was happy to take a puzzle to bits again, put it back in the box and start another.

Charles seldom threw anything out that might have the slightest possible use... or that he might want to read again. This proved a challenge for the family when clearing out his residence. It had been quite some time since anyone had a look in his garage!

He did not take to change easily – especially when he did not see the need for change! The King James Bible and 1928 Prayer Book were perfectly good, so why change? But after several years of something new, he would grudgingly admit that maybe there was a place for it after all. For Charles, women priests started as a necessary evil, and then became an accepted and important part of the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

Decimal currency on the other hand was a waste of time and he was vociferous in his opinions at the time it was introduced. He waged his own personal protest

against the loss of real currency by continuing to keep his own personal banking records and cheque books in pounds, shillings and pence.

Charles had a strong faith and, until failing mobility prevented it, would on a Sunday attend the 8.00am service at St Mary's Merivale and then the 11.00am (later moved to 10am) service at the Cathedral. At the Cathedral he was a sidesman and had become a life member of the Friends Association in 1943, and served on the committee for many years (and it does seem that he discovered the only way to get off that committee).

He continued to live in his own flat until just before his death, fiercely independent until the end, with the help of Nurse Maude and Crest. On the day he died he was due to move into Nurse Maude but this was obviously another change he preferred to avoid. He decided it was time to go to a better place and may he rest in peace there.

MALCOLM SLEEMAN ROBERTSON 5058 Aged 84

Malcolm Sleeman Robertson came from a Christchurch medical family. His father, also Malcolm Robertson, was an ear, nose and throat surgeon. His brother Bruce (5147) was a pediatrician and Brian (6210) is a psychiatrist.

Malcolm studied medicine in Britain and qualified in 1954 from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, under Sir Arthur (later Lord) Porritt, and worked for the thoracic surgery unit. A keen athlete, he represented Canterbury at under-19 level. A New Zealand junior high-jump champion, he was awarded a New Zealand University Blue in 1947. In Britain he represented United Hospitals and the University of London.

As a house physician at the North Middlesex Hospital, Malcolm gained experience in general medicine, endocrinology, dermatology, geriatrics, and psychiatry. He next worked in orthopedics as a senior house officer at the Albert Dock Seaman's Hospital. He returned to New Zealand in 1956, working at Christchurch Hospital as senior casualty officer. Back in Britain a year later he passed his Primary FRCS (Eng) examination. Uncertain which branch of surgery to follow he applied for, and obtained a position as, a senior house surgeon to the professorial unit at London's Royal National Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital. He worked for two years as a registrar in otolaryngology at University College Hospital, which involved working with the plastic unit on head and neck reconstructive procedures.

In 1958 Malcolm obtained his FRCS (Eng). For the next four years he was senior registrar in otolaryngology at the Royal London Hospital, where he did as much head and neck surgery as he could, and, in particular, gained experience in salivary gland surgery. He returned home as consultant surgeon to the department of otolaryngology at Christchurch Hospital in 1964 and passed the FRACS examination in 1970.

Malcolm began the head and neck oncology clinic at Christchurch Hospital in conjunction with the radiotherapy department in 1971. He became a member of the British Society of Head and Neck Oncologists in the same year and was a founding member of the head and neck section of the Australasian College of Surgeons. Over the next 25 years he wrote and presented papers at almost every New Zealand and Australian otolaryngological conference and at Royal Australian College of Surgeons' general scientific meetings. He was frequently on the panel when head and neck cancer topics were discussed and published 30 papers in international medical journals and received many awards.

Malcolm was head of the department of otolaryngology, head and neck surgery at Christchurch Hospital from 1988 to 1992, president of the New Zealand Society of Otolaryngologists and Head and Neck surgeons from 1987 to 1989, a member of the court of examiners of the Royal Australasian College, and a specialist representative on the medical advisory committee of Christchurch Hospital. He retired from the hospital in 1995, but continued in private practice until 1997.

Beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee Crutchley), much loved father of Ian (9096), Stuart (9232), Julie, Jane, and William (11942), and grandfather of Hamish (13767) and Anna, Malcolm enjoyed in his retirement many well-deserved days fishing, gardening, reading, and spending time with family in Christchurch and at his holiday home in Golden Bay, where he died last September. Malcolm was a keen fisherman, a great cook, and a lover of nature, English literature, and European history. He was immensely proud of Christ's College, and, in retirement, guided tour parties through this school with kind and ready wit. Before he died he completed a biography of his mother, the painter Dorothy E. Robertson, and a memoir of his life, work, and travels.

BRUCE SHAW McLAUGHLIN 5132 Aged 84

Bruce was born in Christchurch to John and Esther McLaughlin. His father owned a bakery in Armagh Street, and his mother was an astute businesswoman who owned a number of large rental properties in Christchurch. He had a younger brother who, unfortunately, met with an accident in his early years and died, leaving Bruce as an only child.

Bruce went to St Michael's and All Angel's Primary School and then on to Christ's College, where he played hockey and cricket. From there, he went on to university where he studied law, eventually obtaining his degree.

One of his earliest jobs was with Young Hunter, a law firm in Christchurch, where he met his future wife, Nancy. After some time there, he went to work at Harold Smith & Dallison, where he eventually stayed for approximately 45 years.

Bruce was a great traveller, and had many trips abroad. He went away to England with his father just after meeting Nancy – a trip that took about five days, and

when he got there, he promptly decided to come back to New Zealand, because he was missing her. She was the love of his life, and when she died, aged 58, she left a huge hole in his life. While she was alive, they travelled to numerous places around the world and made some great friends. Bruce's faithful companions following Nancy's death were his dogs – some donated from his children, and others he brought home from Dogwatch. They were his faithful companions, and were very fiercely protective of him.

Bruce was a collector of many items including radios, ivory figures, daggers, watches and books and, over the years, nothing was discarded. He was very fortunate to be able to stay on in the family home in Merivale following his mother's death at age 59, when his father decided to leave New Zealand and move to the United Kingdom.

Bruce had three children – Jane - who followed her mother as a legal secretary, John (9061) – who started off his legal degree, got sidetracked with radio and worked for Radio NZ until he decided that he would finish his degree, and Robert (9609), who worked for Radio U before eventually becoming a television director.

In his latter years, Bruce reconnected with great friends he had made at Christ's College, namely Bob Perry and Ted Harrall, and their regular Tuesday morning teas were a highlight for him.

In the last couple of years, Bruce's health deteriorated but, being the private person he was, he never told anyone of his predicament. He spent a few weeks at a retirement village about a year before his death, but was determined to go back home to live. He got back there, and spent all but five weeks there, until finally deciding that he needed round the clock care. He had, up until those last five weeks, been still driving himself around – regularly having morning tea at Ballantyne's, which he really missed following the Christchurch earthquakes.

Bruce is survived by his three children, Jane, John and Robert.

BERNARD ALEXANDER WITTE 5168 Aged 85

Bernard was the eldest son of William Gilbert Witte of Kain Hills, Teddington, and the brother of Leon (5458). On leaving school he started his farming career at Kain Hills and then moved on to the Tai Tapu farm that was run in conjunction with the Teddington property. At this stage of his life he competed at dog trials, and was also an active member of the Pioneer Motorcycle Club competing in trials and cross-country racing, racing in the Cust Grand prix. Yachting was another sport that he took up at Charteris Bay Yacht Club.

During the first few months after leaving school, Bernard would drive cattle by horse from the Teddington property to the Addington sale yards. The route was via Governors Bay, Cashmere Hills, Barrington Street, Lincoln Road, and Hagley Avenue. The cattle were not always fond of the trams, however the dogs got very

good at retrieving cattle from residential properties with open gates.

Bernard purchased the Tai Tapu property and married May Roberts. They had three children; Stuart, Vicki and Craig. A few years later the family moved having purchased a farm at Westerfield near Ashburton. The next move was to Christchurch where he had a road contracting business, and later bought a farm at Halswell. They retired to Akaroa where he and May spent a number of years. They finally returned to Halswell where Bernard passed away in 2013. His wife May and son Stuart predeceased him. Bernard is survived by Vicki, Craig and four grandchildren.

DUNCAN ROSS FRASER 5305 Aged 83

Ross boarded in Jacobs House from 1944 to 1946.

Upon leaving College, Ross spent three seasons as a shepherd mustering at Eskhead to the west of Hawarden. Ross then returned home to assist his ailing father on Mt Bengier, a Hurunui sheep and beef farm. He then went on to own the property and was known by his peers as an energetic and passionate farmer producing quality livestock. Ross was also a very keen pilot, owning his own aircraft, which he used to assist on the farm.

Upon semi-retiring to a smaller farm near Cust, Ross and Anne continued to farm cattle and deer. Ross also possessed a love of dogs including sheepdogs, German Shepherds and, in particular, Saint Bernards.

Ross was married to Anne for all his 63 years of marriage and they had four sons Bruce (8079), Duncan (8610), Alexander (9029), Kenneth (9316) and a daughter.

THOMAS SAMUEL WILSON 5370 Aged 84

Tom and his twin brother Dick (died 28 May 2008) attended College from 1944-1946, in Harper House. Tom was good at sports, particularly swimming and tennis, and enjoyed his time in the army cadets. Although not an academic he was a born trader, starting with breeding and selling poultry when he was a child.

On leaving school he joined his father's business dealing in printing machinery and consumables. After the big OE with his friend John Gordon in 1955-56, during which time his father's business was sold, Tom returned to New Zealand with a few small agencies and set up his own company T.S. Wilson Jnr Ltd.

In 1960 he married Margaret Blick at St Barnabas in Fendalton. The two then set off to Auckland to register the company and establish the business together. This has been running successfully ever since. Single-handedly Tom was able to sell more large four-colour printing presses and industrial cameras from Japan than were sold in the whole of Australia during the same period. There are three sons; Thomas, Stephen and Geoffrey. Thomas has been living and working in Sydney

for many years, mainly in the banking industry, and Stephen and Geoffrey have now taken over the family business. Tom and Margaret were regular attendees at overseas trade fairs and exhibitions, and enjoyed visiting a large variety of countries.

Since arriving in Auckland they have attended the Melanesian Martyrs' Memorial Church of St Andrew at Kohimarama, where Tom has held office as a vestryman, sidesman, and parish handyman. Bishop Ross Bay officiated at his funeral at St Andrew's on 16 May 2013. Tom never quite retired, but his health deteriorated over the past few years and, with the business in safe hands, he was able to spend more time playing bowls competitively and bridge socially. He kept up his links with Christchurch by maintaining an apartment in Merivale and membership of the Canterbury Club, making sure to be in residence for Show Week and as many Old Boys events as possible.

KEVIN RUSSELL UREN 5451 Aged 82

Kevin was educated at Cathedral Grammar School and later at Christ's College. In 1947 he left College to take up the offer of a mechanical engineering apprenticeship and a university degree with Peter Brotherhoods, England.

After completing his studies, Kevin was offered a six month on site training with Liquid Carbonic, Chicago, USA to learn about the industrial gases industry. Following this he travelled around North America and Canada before returning to his home city of Christchurch. He worked for Carbonic Industries Ltd for 25 years and then decided to move with his family to Queensland, Australia. Here he had a successful business and in 1991 retired to live in Hervey Bay, Queensland.

In Hervey Bay Kevin enjoyed his passion for boating and fishing in the beautiful waters of the Great Sandy Straits between Fraser Island and Hervey Bay. He also enjoyed building furniture items in his large workshop, anything from toys, cots and high chairs for his grandchildren etc. There was no such word as can't in Kevin's vocabulary. Kevin loved life and had a great capacity to enjoy each moment filled with love and laughter.

In 2009 he and Margaret moved to Buderim on Sunshine Coast for better medical attention. However in 2010, due to his declining health, they moved to Brisbane for the best treatment.

Sadly Kevin passed away on 17 December 2013 after a long battle with cancer. He was aged 82 years.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, son Simon (8833) daughters, Denise and Jane, and his five grandchildren.

STEPHEN JOHN STUDHOLME BARKER 5557 Aged 79

Stephen was the youngest of five children who grew up on a large farm at Four Peaks near Geraldine. Early years of schooling were spent at Waihi in South Canterbury and later at Christ's College where he was in School House from 1947-1952.

He worked during his school holidays on Four Peaks and a number of the nearby high country runs. He learnt many practical skills including shoeing horses, building fences and all the DIY skills high country farmers of the era possessed. Stephen began farming his own hill country run, Mt Mason, near Hawarden, in 1957 after a year travelling overseas.

During his OE he worked in the UK and travelled throughout Europe and the Middle East. One of his highlights was an ascent of the Matterhorn in Switzerland and years later he returned to the mountain to meet his original Swiss guide who clearly remembered him.

On his return to New Zealand he went straight back to work on Four Peaks and later, while studying at Lincoln College, met his future wife, Juliet (nee Armistead). They married in 1959 and brought up four children.

Although Stephen was a farmer by occupation, he had many other passions. He loved the outdoors and he passed on to his children a real appreciation of native plants and animals along with a strong conservation ethic. He loved taking the family into the outdoors, particularly the high country.

In addition to farming Mt Mason, Stephen also managed a family company, Kaingaroa, on the Chatham Islands from 1959. He loved all aspects of the Chatham's and became one of its greatest advocates. One of his greatest achievements was overseeing the sale of Kaingaroa Station to Moriori who had first lived on the Islands. Another major achievement on the Chatham's was the creation of the J. M. Barker Hapupu historic reserve. This incredible piece of coastal forest is a living monument to the Moriori tree carvings on the Kopi trees. Stephen last travelled to the Chatham's in 2009 with all his family and enjoyed showing them all the special places he knew so well.

Stephen had a strong sense of public duty. He served several terms on the Hurunui District Council and later on the Canterbury Regional Council. In addition he also served on the Chatham Islands Conservation Board and Lake Sumner Forest Park Board.

He had a strong interest in family history including researching the Barker family tree since their arrival in Canterbury in 1851. He went to great lengths to keep in contact with the descendants of his great grandfather, early Canterbury settler and photographer, Dr A. C. Barker.

Stephen and Juliet retired to Christchurch in 2002 and shortly afterwards he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Nonetheless he remained active and

managed a number of adventures including travelling to the Sub Antarctic Islands.

He died on 18 October 2013 and is survived by his wife Juliet, sons Paul (8862) and John (9417), daughters Rachel and Kate and seven grandchildren.

HENRY RICHARD CARVER 5649 Aged 78

Pete (as he was known) was in Flowers House from 1948–1953. He was the son of Henry George Carver who was not a Christ's College Old Boy but was Housemaster of Grey House at Wanganui Collegiate for 27 years.

Pete won the New Zealand Mathematics Prize two years running, and was very active in golf and cricket. He was the Head Prefect in 1953. After leaving College, Pete completed a BCom and LLB at Victoria University before joining Wanganui law firm Armstrong Barton Latham.

The next move in June 1965 was to Havelock North, his home for 48 years. His love of golf continued and he represented both Manawatu/Wanganui and Hawkes Bay in the Fryberg Rosebowl.

Pete died peacefully in his sleep at Somerset Retirement Village in Havelock North on 9 August 2013. He is survived by his five children.

TIM IVON HERVEY PHIPPS 5881 Aged 76

Tim died peacefully at home in Governor's Bay after two years of treatment for Myeloma cancer and other health complications.

Tim had a long and adventurous career on the seas since the 1950's, working internationally on ferries, oilrigs, tugs, supply boats, container ships and yachts. He never wanted to be entirely land-locked, and continued to travel and take jobs into his 70's until his illness prevented it.

Tim's restless spirit made him an enigma to most, as he was seldom in one place for more than a few months, always chasing the sun and new experiences. Underneath his sometimes taciturn presentation lay a quirky humor and unique personality. His ashes were scattered in Lyttelton Harbor where his love of ships was spawned, and in view of his home in Governor's Bay.

He is survived by his children, Tristan (11027) and Melanie, and grandchildren, Ava and Elska. He is greatly missed.

PAUL MOORE HARGREAVES 6034 Aged 75

Paul was born in Christchurch on 12 October 1938. He attended Christ's College from 1952—1956, a dayboy in Harper House. In his senior year the mentoring and academic challenges presented by Headmaster Reg Hornsby, became seminal

influences in his life. Paul nurtured a life-long sense of gratitude to the school, Hornsby and the life-long friendships he made among a high achieving cohort of classmates.

In 1956/57 Paul was selected as a sea cadet to represent College on the RNZN Hawea, an escort frigate which accompanied Sir Edmund Hillary and the Endeavour as far as the ice shelf as Ed and his team founded Scott Base and embarked on the original Trans-Antarctic Expedition. He went on to join the RNZN as a reservist and served both at HMNZS Pegasus in Canterbury and on HMS President in the UK.

On leaving school, Paul completed a B Com/Accountancy degree at Canterbury University before in 1962 travelling to London to enrol at London House and join a city accounting practice. On his return, he became a chartered accountant in the family firm, Hargreaves and Felton. Inspired, however, by contact with the fledgling computer industry in London, he co-founded in 1965 with the late Dr Bernard Battersby, Computer Bureau Limited in Christchurch: renamed Datacom in the Eighties. It is New Zealand's largest domestically owned professional IT services enterprise, and now employs nearly 4000 people mainly in New Zealand and Australia. Paul served as its chief executive and was a board member for 42 years.

Appointed in 1992 to the board of the newly established Crown Research Institute NIWA (the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research), he subsequently served as its chief executive from 1994 to 2002. Leading and enabling a team of distinguished scientists (though no scientist himself) was a role he enjoyed and relished. Bringing fisheries research into the mix brought him the added satisfaction of the oversight of two scientific ships. In a curious quirk, in 1956/7 scientists aboard the Hawea assisted by the young cadets, were taking water samples to plot the currents of the Antarctic Southern Convergence: This report was subsequently presented to Paul by NIWA.

Paul served on many boards. He was chairman of the HiGrowth Project Trust (a government sponsored initiative to develop the ICT sector). Other directorships included Radio New Zealand, Gallagher Holdings Ltd, Software of Excellence International Ltd.

He was the foundation chairman of the Laura Fergusson Trust, which established the home at Ilam, Christchurch and was until his death, a board member of Shine (Safer Families in New Zealand) and foundation chairman of the GI Cancer Institute (NZ), having himself survived pancreatic cancer. As a consequence he mentored many pancreatic cancer patients, both in New Zealand and those who contacted him from countries as far away as the US, UK and Italy.

In 2006 Paul was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to business and the community; in 2009 he was elected a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand, of which he ultimately served as

President; in 2010 he was admitted to the NZ HI Tech Hall of Fame for services to business, science and technology and presented with a Flying Kiwi Award.

However, of all the boards on which he served and perhaps the most rewarding, was that of Antarctica New Zealand, of which he was also chairman from 2003—2008. He went south many times, with oversight of an extensive scientific programme. He had the privilege of accompanying Sir Ed to the ice on two occasions, the last being the 2007 commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Scott Base. Paul, on retirement, was presented by Land Information NZ with Hargreaves Peak, on the Adare Peninsula in the Ross Sea.

Paul was married in 1964, to Anne Challinor of Auckland. In 1979 the family moved from Christchurch to Auckland. They enjoyed a wonderful marriage of nearly 50 years, sharing interests in travel, literature, theatre, music, skiing, yachting and other sports - at which they never rose above the average! A loving and much loved husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife, daughter Penny, son Michael and four grandchildren. Paul died unexpectedly of a massive stroke.

Tributes to Paul all refer to him as first a gentleman, a mediator, a man of integrity, abiding kindness, courteousness, with a fine sense of humour, breadth of knowledge, humility, and courage in the face of major illnesses.

JULIAN JOHN WATTS 6235 Aged 73

Julian was born in Christchurch on 4 August 1939. He married Ronwen Stock, and had two sons and a daughter. Julian died in Oxford, England on 1 June 2013 aged 73.

Julian Watts was a primary instigator of the reform movement that sought to modernise the National Party during the 1970s. He was a co-founder of the Wellington-based Pol-Link “ginger” group, as it was known. This group from within the National Party’s own membership tried to bend the party toward accepting the liberal policies and ideas then sweeping across the rest of the English speaking political world.

The movement was ultimately to founder on the inflexible era of Robert Muldoon. Many of the reformists bowed to what they saw as the inevitable and trimmed their convictions to the Muldoon era. But Watts was not among them. Withdrawing from an active role in party politics he concentrated on his law practice. Then later he left New Zealand for good in order to take up the position in London as deputy company secretary of BP.

Julian Watts was born into a political family. His father J.T “Jack” Watts became Member of Parliament for Riccarton in 1943 and later represented St Albans and Fendalton. Jack Watts became Minister of Finance in the Holland National Government. Julian’s mother Gwen became a chronicler of the political

personalities of those days, most notably in her book, a minor New Zealand classic, *A Husband in The House* (Whitcombe and Tombs.)

After attaining his law degree at Victoria University and then taking up a Shell scholarship to Britain, the young Watts returned to New Zealand to start work in his father's law firm in Wellington, Watts Patterson, later to become Rudd Watts & Stone. It was from this position that Julian Watts, a wiry, energetic and intense fellow, now embarked upon his vocation as a conservative political reformist. His interest in contemporary culture led him in this role of political activist to promote the causes and interests of the baby boomers, the demographic bubble he saw as determining the nation's future.

The unexpected Muldoon era shift to political auto-didacticism rather than to the anticipated and hoped for consensus liberalism was not to Watts' and his ginger group's advantage. It was now that he began casting around for new opportunities and ones close to his interest in popular culture. His new job at the centre of the world oil industry was not exactly part of this. But his new location of London was the place he now wanted to be which was at the heart of the international cultural sphere.

Based in Islington, he and his wife Ronwen became a familiar sight at London's galleries and theatres and this attention to the arts very much intensified following his retirement from BP.

His death followed a long illness.

PAUL GURNEY NORRIS 6436 Aged 72

Paul was the son of Harold Norris (3668), brother of Michael (6924) and father of James (12849), and was in Harper House from 1955-59. He was a popular, gifted scholar; a keen sportsman and a young man who believed in making the most of every opportunity he was given. Many lifelong friendships were forged from his days as a pupil at College and his subsequent student days at university.

Paul graduated BA (Hons) at Canterbury University in 1963 and MA in 1964. He then read PPE at Oxford (Merton College), graduating in 1966. He was a talented photographer, an accomplished, graceful and fearless skier and keen tennis player. He skied for both Canterbury and Oxford University. During this time he also travelled extensively, both in Europe and America.

His love of history and politics led him to a career in journalism: first at the Sunday Express, and then in 1968 for the BBC. His keen intellect, analytical mind and grasp of politics was quickly recognized and nurtured. He had a distinguished career at the BBC, spanning 19 years. Highlights for him included being part of the editorial team for every election between 1970 and 1987, and of being selected as one of the four founding editors for the BBC's flagship news and current affairs programme, *Newsnight*. Former colleagues at the BBC remember

him with affection and respect, citing his absolute professionalism, his kind and generous mentorship, wry sense of humour and strong work ethic.

While working on Newsnight he met his future wife, Caroline, whom he married in 1984. They had two children: a daughter, Rebecca and son, James.

In 1987, Paul was shoulder-tapped by the CEO of TVNZ and accepted a post as Head of News and Current Affairs. Returning to New Zealand with his young family, he set about the challenge of preparing a public sector broadcast organisation for the arrival of competition from a commercial channel, TV3; a challenge he met with his customary professionalism and analytical mind. Indeed, it has been said that, through his efforts, Paul changed the face of New Zealand broadcasting for ever.

In 1996 Paul accepted a post as Head of the School of Broadcasting at Christchurch's CPIT. Paul had, perhaps, found his true vocation. He became a much loved, inspirational teacher, and highly respected work colleague. He was involved in academic research, wrote extensively on media matters and became a sought-after commentator and public speaker.

In August last year, he attended a function held in his honour by his colleagues and former students from the Broadcasting School. Also present were former colleagues from TVNZ. With his customary modesty, he was both overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of heartfelt tributes and accolades from both NZ and abroad. Many of the sentiments expressed then were echoed at his funeral in February and subsequent media coverage.

He was a devoted, affectionate husband and father, greatly loved by his surviving wife, Caroline, and their two children: Rebecca and James.

PETER McARTHUR ACLAND 7125 Aged 66

Peter was the son of Michael (3249) and Betty Acland and grew up in Christchurch along with his two younger brothers Alastair (7385) and Richard (7648). Peter was in School House from 1961 to 1965, and on leaving school completed a BA at Canterbury University. He then pursued a career in journalism working initially with The Christchurch Star before travelling to London to become editor of the UK published NZ News: he was in his element working in Fleet St with all the drama and excitement of the London Dailies around him. For a time he was Press Secretary at NZ House in London before returning to Wellington, in the mid 1970's, first as Press Secretary for John Marshall and then Prime Minister Robert Muldoon.

After five years in the political world, he resigned to join his colleague Gerry Simons in the formation of Newztel: a news distribution service using the early electronic data delivery services to transcribe radio and TV news items and documentaries, providing hard copy for a wide range of clients. The advent of the

internet had a huge impact on the demand for such a service and the remainder of Peter's working life involved mainly contract publishing work.

Peter was a devoted Wellingtonian, living in Kelburn for most of his adult life. His passion for newspapers and books remained with him all his life and he enjoyed the company of a wide range of eclectic friends. He was a man of great loyalty and integrity and had been described as "a kindly curmudgeon".

Peter died peacefully at Wellington Hospital on 7 November 2013 after a long battle with lung disease.

MICHAEL JOHN CAMBRIDGE 7272 Aged 66

Michael was the second son of Marjorie and Dinnie Cambridge (4149). He was born in Sydney, Australia and upon the family's return to New Zealand lived briefly in Lawrence before his parents purchased a farm in Waimate. Michael attended Waihi School for three years before starting Christ's College where he was in Flower's House from 1962–1965.

When Michael left school the Cambridge family bought a high country farm in the Waihopai Valley, Marlborough and farmed mainly merino for the next forty years.

Michael was an early adopter and designer of farm-management software, which led to him running his own computer business for several years. Following the slump in wool prices Michael also planted much of the farm in pine trees and became involved in the timber industry, travelling throughout New Zealand and Europe to research and promote innovative wood use.

He enjoyed sailing in the Marlborough Sounds in his own yachts and crewing for friends, and in later years took up cycling.

At the time of his death Michael was president of the Marlborough Forest Industry Association. He was killed in a car accident on 23 March 2014. He is survived by wife Sue, daughters Caroline and Annabel and sons Oliver (11080) and Guy (12313).

GEORGE THOMAS CARLTON KAIN 7574 Aged 63

Tom was in Richards House from 1964 to 1968. Prior to College he attended Orari Primary School followed by Waihi School.

At College, Tom made a real effort at rugby but for summer found himself in a rowing four for routine sport, however his rowing colleague John Macdonald said the boat was not on the water a lot.

He received a law degree with Honours from Canterbury University. While there he began his business career in the booming 1970's property market. He, in partnership with others, developed the New Brighton Mall Arcade, opened

by the then Prime Minister, Robert Muldoon, and the Shades Arcade in Cashel Street, Christchurch.

Along with his brother, Charles, Tom set up the apple orchard company, Applefields, which became the country's largest orchardist, also owning 30 dairy farms and employing 3,000 people at its peak. With Tom at the forefront, a long legal battle with the monopoly apple exporter, the Apple and Pear Board ensued over Applefields' desire to export its own apples and ending up at the Privy Council. This led to the end of the Apple and Pear Board but also to the cost of Applefields financially, resulting in the company ceasing orcharding. Tom then attended to turning the orchards into housing subdivisions.

Tom was for sometime the youngest member of the New Zealand Business Round Table where he enjoyed both the company of the other members and their common political views. In 1990 Tom received one of the 3,632 sesquicentennial medals given to those who had made some change to aspects of New Zealand life. Much to his amusement it arrived in a box without any explanation.

Tom was keen at keeping fit, first by running and participating in after-work Hagley Park timed runs, and later with golf. He was interested in philosophy and history, and had a life long interest in art and a fluctuating collection of modern and early New Zealand artworks. He visited art galleries on his travels and read widely on the subject. This interest extended to his own efforts at drawing, for which he had a talent. In post school years he took part in amateur acting and throughout was a keen attendee of classical music concerts.

Tom was diagnosed with cancer in July 2012. He died on 29 December 2013 and is survived by his wife Tessa and daughter Marnie.

ANDREW GERALD TURNBULL 7763 Aged 61

Andrew, born in Timaru, was the son of Hugh (4815) and Valerie, and the brother of Ben (8423).

After primary school in Timaru, he attended Christ's College from 1965-1969 in Flowers House. He then went to Otago University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce. After this, he went to America and worked on a ski field. He eventually ended up working for Value Tours at Mt Hutt, where he met his wife Jocelyn. They lived in Christchurch until he came to Timaru in 1986 to join the family firm of DC Turnbull and Co as an accountant. He took over as managing director in 1990.

His business ability and common sense approach to problems were recognised with his appointment as a director of Port of Timaru Ltd in 1998. He was also a Trustee of the Bidwill Private Hospital Trust Board. He held both these positions until his untimely death on 9 November 2013.

With his easy-going attitude and sense of humour he was popular amongst his

business associates, waterfront workers and his yachting friends, as was evident by the very large attendance at his funeral service.

He is survived by his wife Jocelyn, son Angus and daughter Anna.

CHARLES FRANK FARTHING 7821 Aged 61

Charles Frank Farthing was born in Christchurch on 22 April 1953, the son of Jack Raymond Farthing (3275) and grandson of Captain Frank Farthing, a noted identity on the College staff from 1902-1925.

With Christchurch ancestry dating to 1852, his two grandmothers chose to sustain the connection to this past and settled on his names – those of their husbands – in a taxi they shared on the way to see their new grandson. His father, an accountant, and his mother, a noted Christchurch music teacher, readily agreed to the grandmother's naming their grandson. He grew into an impish child and completed his primary schooling at St Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church Day School, close to Christ's College. It was a primary education that had a profound impact upon him, because for the rest of his life he loved the grandeur of the Anglican faith and returned to worship at St Michael's and All Angels whenever he was in the city. After being Dux of Primary School he was in Julius House from 1966-1970; a keen debater in his final year, he lead College to a win in the annual King's - Christ's College debate. He was amongst the first College recipients of the gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, showed talent as an actor, helped treat banged-up 1st XV rugby players, and seriously considered becoming a member of the Anglican Ministry. Although he never reached however, the academic heights of which he was capable at school, eventually his scientific mind saw him choose to study Medicine at Otago University.

He concluded his time at Medical School in 1976 by winning the Wilson-Allison Prize in Dermatology and started his career at Christchurch Public Hospital. In 1978 he was awarded the Wolfe-Fischer Prize for the most outstanding Senior House Officer at Christchurch Hospital and by then had determined on specialising in Dermatology.

In 1981, Charles finished a set of rounds at Christchurch Hospital, and heard the ringing bell of his primary school, St Michael's. It was the same bell he had heard for nearly 25 years. Realising he had never travelled more than a kilometre from the schools he attended, he decided life was too much the same, and it was time for something new. That decision changed the course of his life and took him around the globe to become a pioneer in the early recognition and treatment of AIDS.

After leaving Christchurch in March 1981, he spent a year in Saudi Arabia and then drove across Europe, finally arriving in London to take up a position at St Thomas' Hospital in the latter half of 1982. Volunteering time at an STD clinic in

a low socio-economic neighbourhood, he observed a pattern of rare conditions, such as Kaposi's sarcoma, among some of the patients. Charles came to conclude the skin ailments had a common theme; underlying all of them was a disease, which would later become widely known as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). In the early 1980's, very little was known about the disease and publicly, it was perceived as a homosexual issue; as a result, governments were slow to introduce AIDS as a top priority on the public health agenda.

Charles forgot Dermatology and chose to devote the next 30 years of his life to research treatment and raise the profile of the disease. As public anxiety mounted, rumours that people could catch AIDS from lavatory seats, public swimming pools, kissing or sharing a cup with an infected person were reported in the media as truth, while moralists sought to portray victims as authors of their own misfortune – the then Chief Constable of Great Manchester Police, James Anderton referred to HIV-positive people as “swirling about in a human cesspit of their own making”.

As wild rumours fuelled public hysteria, Charles worked closely with the Terence Higgins Trust, persuading the government of the day for the need for better public information; he went on to play an important role in designing the government's first publicity campaigns, as well as being invited to chair the all-party parliamentary committee on AIDS. He was a friend of Elton John and Diana, Princess of Wales, both of whom lent enthusiastic support to the cause. Charles went on to establish the first purpose built AIDS clinic at St Stephen's where the number of patients with full-blown AIDS rose from 20 in 1985 to 1,000 two years later. Princess Diana opened the Kobler clinic, which is now part of the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

Frequently, Charles spoke in public and on television about AIDS, although he was a little surprised to present to the boys at Eton. He gained their attention by starting his lecture with 32 words for the male organ; he was surprised, but delighted, to be asked back again the next year. Later, he would recall an encounter with a former pupil of the school, who had been ostracised by his family because he was HIV positive, and whose hand he had held as he died. “No one should have to die alone,” Charles said, and though the nature of the disease forced him to become as much scientist and activist as doctor, he did not lose sight of its human impact.

In 1989 Charles won a Winston Churchill Fellowship, moving to Bellevue Hospital in New York, where eventually, he became director of the hospital's AIDS programme and an Associate Professor at New York University. He collaborated with David Ho, an AIDS researcher (1996 Time Magazine Man of the Year), who said that on Farthing's arrival about half of Bellevue's inpatient beds were taken up with AIDS patients; “We had four drugs available, only one of which was any good and our treatment impact on the disease was minimal. We were able to prolong life for about three months and it was so frustrating watching people

die, especially when most of the patients were so young,” he said. Ho, who spoke a eulogy at the New York Celebration of Charles’ life, described him as a “glass half-full guy,” who knew the researchers were working on the potentially exciting protease inhibitors, which would change the face of AIDS treatment; Charles was the link between the hospital and the researchers, referring cases with unusual disease manifestations. “He noticed that there were people who were repeatedly exposed to HIV, but who remained negative. These were the people termed exposed uninfected persons and they eventually led to studies that defined the co-receptors of the virus,” said Ho.

In 1994 he moved to Los Angeles to join the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), rising to become Medical Director in 2001; he helped to transform it into a global force for the treatment of the epidemic, transplanting the Californian model of community-based clinics to other AIDS hotspots. Also, he was appointed an Associate Professor at UCLA, where he taught postgraduate students. Michael Weinstein, president of the foundation, described the treatment programme as “primitive” when Charles arrived, but he professionalised the organisation, “zeroing in on” quality of care, and appointing the best clinicians. Further, he took part in many clinical trials and was able to give the first cocktail of AIDS drugs to patients. The results were dramatic, said Weinstein, and he describes the change as like a “phoenix rising from the ashes.” The drug regimens however, involving about 20 pills a day, were complicated, and Charles continued to work on improving them. “Charles was a scientist, a clinician, a manager, but more than anything he was a patient advocate and someone always trying to advance care and treatment,” he said. He helped to introduce the triple cocktail of therapies, which transformed both the management of HIV and life expectancy of AIDS sufferers. He told a conference in 1997 that he would be willing to be injected with the AIDS virus to test a vaccine, telling the Los Angeles Times; “Years ago, people took risks. Now, it’s as if medical research can’t expose anyone to any risk. That’s why this research is going so slowly.” Unfortunately, Charles’ offer came to nothing when the vaccine showed poor results in animal trials.

When the foundation launched its global programme in 2002, Farthing travelled many times to Africa to set up treatment programmes and train clinicians. He was not afraid to speak out and labeled the US government’s prevention efforts “pathetic,” compared to those of Uganda. Since his death the AHF’s HIV Clinic in Kampala has already been renamed the ‘Charles Farthing Clinic’.

In 2007, he was critical of the pace of AIDS research at pharmaceutical companies and joined Merck Sharp & Dohme, first as a Director for Scientific Affairs in Philadelphia. “Instead of taking the well-trodden path, Charles was always challenging himself to make a difference,” said Daria Hazuda, Vice President at Merck Research Laboratories who called on him to help with the marked launch of the first integrase inhibitors for HIV treatment. “As the field evolved, Charles made intentional and sometimes unconventional decisions, like joining Merck

that he knew would allow him to make the most impact at the time.”

In 2009 he transferred from Philadelphia to Hong Kong as the Merck Sharp & Dohme Director of Medical Affairs for Infectious Disease in the Asia Pacific region. This shift across the Pacific facilitated what many around the world believe will be his greatest legacy.

Charles was one of the first Western specialists to be invited to teach in China and he ran a two-week training course once a year between 2003 and 2007, eventually becoming an adjunct professor at the University of Fudan in Shanghai. He made many trips to China where the government was starting to acknowledge the extent of its AIDS crisis, which had infected as many as a million people; Charles travelled huge distances to distribute medicine and advise on treatment. Yet, though it was his expertise that gave him access to China, it was his sensitivity and ability to create a rapport, which allowed him to make progress. It is claimed that he trained a generation of HIV Doctors in China. Also, he was on the staff of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

On his first visit to China, one surgeon resolutely refused to operate on AIDS patients for fear of infection. Little by little, Charles worked to change his mind, and after ten years the same doctor was a leading advocate in China on appropriate methods of surgery.

Only the day before his sudden death in Hong Kong he had verbally agreed to return to AHF and become the International Medical Director of the 20/20 Program, which aimed to deliver AIDS care to 20 million by 2020, in over 40 countries. “He was smart and passionate, without stepping on people’s toes”, said Martin Markowitz, Clinical Director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at the Rockefeller University in New York, and a long-time friend and colleague of Charles; “I used to joke with him that he should have been a diplomat.” Charles recruited, mentored and trained many doctors. He built and led a medical structure at AHF that continues to this day and now covers the globe. It was only logical that he grew it further. If anyone could make 20/20 happen it would have been Charles. His intention then was to retire to his home in London.

Charles was the author / co-author of seven books and over 50 journal articles/ chapters, giving many presentations and lecturing all over the world. Throughout his career he received many awards; included amongst them were:

- 1986: Terrence Higgins Trust Award for Outstanding Service in the Field of AIDS to the community.
- 1988: Winston Churchill Traveling Fellowship to the USA to study AIDS.
- 2005: Outstanding HIV Physician of the year award by patient support group: “the body.com”
- 2007: Listed as a top ID physician of the year by the Consumer Research Council of America.

- 2008: Award from American Academy of HIV medicine: “For dedication to advancing excellence in HIV care, and his devoted service to the AAHIVM, as educator, leader, member and friend.”

Since his death, the Royal Society of Medicine has recommended to the family that he be added to their ‘wall of fame’. The family will agree to this request.

At a session of the July 2014 International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, held to honour his memory, it was said that he had one of the largest curriculum vitae in Medicine and the speakers who represented the different continents of the world all used similar adjectives to describe him – caring, empathetic, courageous, brilliant, and cheeky.

Charles had returned to New Zealand many times to visit family and friends, and his funeral service was held on his 61st birthday, appropriately at St Michaels and All Angels Church, his old primary school. Although his life was devoted to the International community he remained very much a son of Christchurch and was buried in ‘English’ St Luke’s graveyard in Little Akaloa, on Banks Peninsula.

Services to celebrate his life were held in New York, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, London and Shanghai. Obituaries were carried by all major newspapers of the world and as the New York Times stated, ‘all who knew him will sorely miss his kind and gentle presence’; never overlooked, he carried himself with self-assurance, but as one friend remarked following the heart attack in a taxi travelling up the Peck Road on Hong Kong Island, his chief concern would have been how the driver would be paid.

Charles is survived by his partner, Doug, brother Bruce (7549), sister-in-law Kay, and his four nieces – who joined him across the world at various times, bringing him much joy and happiness.

ANDREW NEVITT REESE 8402 Aged 56

Andrew was the son of David Reese (4519), brother of Daniel (8134) and John (8655). He attended school from 1970-1974 where he was in Condell’s House.

On leaving school he joined P&O Nedlloyd where he worked as a shipping clerk until his retirement in 2004, a period of some 30 years.

Upon his retirement Andrew continued with his role as a volunteer administrator with Athletics Canterbury in various roles, lately as Secretary and Treasurer. He was on the Athletics Canterbury executive for 35 years, up until the time of his passing. Andrew was justly rewarded for his work in the sport of athletics, receiving numerous awards. A “Long Service” award from Athletics New Zealand in 1995, followed by “Life Membership” of Athletics Canterbury in 1999, an “Administrator of the Year” award from Athletics New Zealand in 2005, and in 2010 a Christchurch City Council “Civic Award” for services to sport.

Andrew died peacefully in Christchurch on 4 July 2013 after a short illness. He is survived by his mother, Barbara, four siblings, and eight nieces and nephews who he dearly loved.

MICHAEL DAVID JENNINGS BUSH 9425 Aged 50

Michael was the grandson of L.L.T. Bush (2482) and the son of David C.T. Bush (4929). He was in Harpers House from 1978-1982.

He competed at Canterbury Secondary School level in swimming and gymnastics. He was swimming captain in 1982 and gained a TR Moore scholarship to university.

Michael left school to study accountancy at Canterbury University and following graduation he completed his professionals. He continued working in Christchurch in chartered and company accounting. During the last few years Michael took a position as a company accountant in Queenstown and enjoyed both the variety of work, and the lifestyle and environment there.

His hobbies included music, electronic gadgets, cars, skiing, kayaking, and tramping. He was a member of the Canterbury Voluntary Search and Rescue team.

Michael sadly was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2011 and bravely fought a courageous battle until 12 July 2014 one month after his 50th birthday.

BRENT ANDREW FARRAR 9575 Aged 49

Brent attended Christ's College from 1979-1982 and was a member of Corfe House; his time at Christ's College being an important stage in his life journey.

He went on to Canterbury University and gained an engineering degree, which then lead him into the family engineering business where he remained for the rest of his working life. When his father died in 2004 Brent became the Managing Director of Alec Farrar Ltd.

The other part of Brent's life that was very important to him was his family and extended family. He was a devoted father and husband, and over the period of his life he had enjoyed fishing, clay and pistol shooting, snow and water skiing, four wheel driving, boating, biking, music and was a good golfer. He also spent a period of time as a Church treasurer. Holidays and times spent developing the family property at West Melton were special times.

In 2012 Brent was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour. He fought a courageous battle for nearly two years and passed away peacefully at Nurse Maude Hospice in February 2014. Brent leaves a wife Robyn and three daughters Jessica, Olivia, and Courtney. He will be forever in our hearts.

GUY WILLIAM NELSON 10754 Aged 42

Guy was born on 20 December 1972 in Gisborne, the fourth child of a family of six and the son of William (6193) and Carol.

Guy was educated at Wainui Beach School, Gisborne, and four years at Hereworth School from 1982-85. After a year at King's College, Guy expressed a wish to attend Christ's College as his father and grandfather, James Nelson (3023) had done. During his four years in School House from 1987-1990, he developed a love for the outdoors pursuing hunting and skiing. He was a House Prefect in his final year.

The family had moved to a family property near Havelock North so Guy spent a year shepherding on Mangatutu Station before going to Lincoln College in 1992, graduating B.Ag.Com majoring in Valuation and Farm Management in 1994. While at Lincoln he developed his passion for hunting in the high country on Mt Peel Station with friends and on Parikanapa Station, Gisborne.

Guy joined the National Bank in Invercargill as a rural banker then continued on to a farm consultancy position in Timaru in 1997. Following this he worked on the family farms in Hawkes Bay and Gisborne before departing for the UK where he worked on farms in Scotland and then was employed by Enron in London.

While in the UK, Guy competed in the Dublin and London marathons which led to the start of a life long passion for multi-sports particularly triathlon. Before returning to New Zealand he worked for a season in Boulder, Colorado enjoying the time to ski.

Back in Hawkes Bay, Guy completed his qualification to become a registered valuer but returned to rural banking with the BNZ in Palmerston North and then Rotorua as an Agribusiness Manager. He made many friends amongst his farming clients and settled at Rotoiti where he enjoyed the benefits of lakeside living.

Guy married Jessica Morrison in 2008. They both enjoyed training and he competed in triathlons including three Taupo Ironman events that resulted in selection for the World Age Group Championships held in Perth. To help train for this Guy and Jess set off for Colorado to do high altitude training for three months.

Returning to Rotorua Guy and Jess purchased a lakeside property at Okere Falls on Lake Rotoiti and set up a lakeside holiday home business. Together with their own property they built up their business by taking on the management of other lakeside properties and acquired a 1927 classic wooden boat of 32 feet. Guy set this up for charter fishing trips on the lake, which became popular with his holiday home clients.

Guy loved the outdoors, hunting, skiing, fishing and just cruising with friends on the 'Ratanui', which was his pride and joy. He took a very active part in the local

community, becoming the deputy fireman for West Rotoiti volunteer fire service, and was one of the key instigators in getting a fire service boat for the Lake.

One of his last wishes was to take three year old daughter Lucy to the Havelock Ski Club lodge on Mt Ruapehu where they spent a night with close friends.

Guy's strength and determination to overcome the cancer amazed his family and friends. For 17 months he continued to run his business and carry on with training for triathlons. He faced his battle so courageously, was so brave and so strong and hid so much of his pain and suffering from us all. He died peacefully surrounded by his family and close friends at Rouncil, Havelock North, on 18 August 2014.

Guy taught us so much, and he has left us with so much. He lived his life by his own set of strong beliefs and high morals, and would never waiver from what he saw as right. He had no problem telling you what he thought, and it was your problem if you didn't like what he said.

He is survived by his wife Jess and daughter Lucy, his parents Bill and Carol, and brothers Charles and Sam, and sisters Rose and Sarah, and predeceased by his sister Emma.

DAVID JONATHAN CHUBB CLAY 13840 Aged 18

David was born in Christchurch on 8 October 1994, the elder son of Jonathan Clay and Rosina Chubb and brother of Hamish. He grew up on the family farm at Dunsandel.

He attended Dunsandel Primary School, and continued on to Kirkwood Intermediate, where his enjoyment and ability in mathematics was fostered. Kirkwood also brought out the competitive side of David's nature, when he seized the challenge to be the first to achieve Blues in Academic, Sports and Cultural categories.

In 2008 David became a boarder in School House, his home for the next five years. On his return from Europe with the school Academic Tour in 2010, David knew what he wanted to do. His goal was to gain entry into one of the top five universities in the world, and to do this he knew he had to achieve very highly indeed.

In 2012 he set about meeting the entrance requirements for the universities he had chosen. He achieved high scores in the US SAT exams, and passed four NZQA Scholarship exams. He was awarded a University of Auckland Academic Scholarship, a Ballance AgriNutrients Scholarship, and was accepted for Stanford, UCLA (Berkeley) and Cambridge Universities. He chose to read engineering at Cambridge and was awarded a Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship. He was very excited and proud of his achievements and looking forward to his future.

David had an enduring interest in all sports and music, which began at an early age. He played football and rugby during his primary school years, and carried on to become a valued member of the Christ's College 1st XI Football team for three years. David chose to play tennis as his summer sport, and he attained a high standard of play, and represented Ellesmere and Canterbury Country in several tournaments. At College he was in the Top 8 Tennis team. He enjoyed playing the piano, clarinet and guitar and his involvement in the senior school production of Jesus Christ Superstar was a highlight for him.

At the end of 2010 David was diagnosed with lymphoma, and he faced a three-year course of chemotherapy. In typical David Clay fashion, he wasn't going to let that get in the way of his aspirations. He continued with a full academic workload, amusing the medical team when he was sitting in his hospital bed surrounded by his textbooks. He also completed two math papers at Canterbury University in 2011 and passed with A+ in both. He continued to be involved with the 1st XI Football team, and although physically compromised, played whenever he could. His spirits were lifted by the support he got from the team, and his determination to play and be involved with the team motivated him to become well enough to be discharged from hospital at times.

David had an ability to relate to people of all ages. He could converse with the doctors and nurses about his treatment, yarn with parents of sick children in the ward, interact and play with the younger children, and provide support and inspiration to other teenage cancer sufferers. He had a wonderful support network with his peers from school, and the strong friendships that developed gave him courage and comfort.

Sadly, David relapsed in February 2013. As he was not able to achieve remission, a planned bone marrow transplant was unable to proceed and he passed away on 9 August 2013.

He is sorely missed by his parents, brother Hamish (13972) and all his mates.



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