In Memoriam



CHRIST'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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John Hugh Hobbs

4171 Aged 98

John died in Melbourne on 6 July 2015 at the age of 98 years and 8 months. He was born in Christchurch on 7 November 1916. His parents Hugh (1646) and Edith had two other children, Gwynneth and Warwick (4327).

John recorded that his earliest memory was being carried to bed by his father and being allowed to pull on the chain that activated the pilot light so that the gaslight would come on in the hall of their home in Christchurch. John's family moved to Napier for two years prior to returning to Christchurch where John attended Christ's College. Cricket and rugby were John's sporting passions. His best cricket result was 87 not out and 5 slips catches one Saturday afternoon. John had many happy memories of his time at this famous school and in later life was a proud member of the Christ's College Old Boys' Association. John was responsible for the establishment of a branch of the Association in Melbourne.

In the midst of the 1930's depression John entered the workforce in the administration of an insurance agency but two years later, looking towards better prospects, joined the Union Bank and commenced a banking career from which he was to retire 42 years later as Chief Manager – Organisation and Personnel for the whole of the ANZ Bank. John's major career highlight was the responsibility he undertook for the merging of the 22,000 personnel employed by the ANZ and ES&A banks when they joined into one organisation in 1970.

In Christchurch, John attended St Mary's Parish Church where he met the love of his life Mary Hamilton, whose family sat in a pew just a few rows in front of his family at Evensong each Sunday. John and Mary were married at St Mary's, Merivale on 1 March 1941. Four months later John headed overseas in the New Zealand Army with the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant. No wars are pleasant, and neither was John's, which included time in Syria and the North African desert, being wounded in action, taken prisoner, a time in an Italian Hospital, three years as a prisoner of war in Germany, and a 680 kilometre forced march across Germany. Following his liberation, John returned to New Zealand to be reunited with Mary and to become acquainted with his little 3 1/2 year old daughter – four more daughters were to follow in the years ahead.

During his service overseas John kept a diary, and although not permitted, he managed to retain this precious item throughout his time as a prisoner. This diary is a wonderful documentation of his time in the services. A copy of the diary is held by the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington, and the original together with some letters, which were so very dear and special to him, he donated to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Following his return in 1945 to New Zealand, early in the following year John was transferred to a new position in the bank in Sydney and the family took up residence in Australia. In 1955 John was transferred to Melbourne to spend what turned out to be the last 22 years of his banking career.

Following his retirement from the ANZ bank John received a proposal that he agreed to take on. This was his appointment as inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians, a post that John held for seven years. John had special memories of his 40 minutes introducing young recipients of the award to the Queen, a Garden Party that he and Mary attended at Buckingham Palace and a number of meetings with the Prince of Wales who was the Trust Patron.

John's voluntary adventure was to another part of the world. He was keenly aware as a lad that his father had sung at a concert held as a farewell to Robert Falcon Scott before Scott departed for his expedition in Antarctica. So at the age of 85, John flew to Buenos Aires, took passage by ship to the Antarctic Peninsula, donned his thermals, rode in the rubber ducky, climbed onto the ice and took great photos of the penguins, which he said smelt like rotten fish!

At the end of his war diary in 1945 John wrote "With sincere thankfulness in my heart for God's blessings, guidance, and continual protection during these past years". I am sure that, right to the end, some 60 years later, John would have expressed these same sentiments.

Peter Vaughan Jenkins

4585 Aged 94

Peter Vaughan Jenkins was born 4 July 1921 in London, the eldest child of third generation New Zealand parents. The family returned to New Zealand in early 1922. He attended High Street School in Dunedin, John McGlashan College and then Christ's College where he was in Jacobs house from 1936 to 1939.

Peter passed his medical preliminary examination and went to university omitting his final year at school. He met his future wife, Pauline Barker of Four Peaks, Geraldine at Otago University. In November 1944 Peter went to a student house surgeon job at Wellington Hospital. At the end of 1948 the family moved to Blenheim where Peter eventually set up his own medical practice and was the anaesthetist at the Wairau Hospital from 1951 until 1986. Peter also did a lot of private anaesthetic work. All this meant very long days often leaving home at 7.30am and not finishing in the surgery till after 9.00pm as well as delivering babies during the night. Peter was the Marlborough division of the British Medical Association's first secretary and he held office in various capacities for the rest of his practice life. He was a member of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practice. His work for it and for Medicine in Marlborough led to his being made a Fellow in 1975, the first one in Marlborough. Peter was a member of Junior Chamber of Commerce in the 1950's and served on the committee of the Blenheim Club for a number of years.

Peter always maintained a large garden, and became an adept carpenter when he enlarged the bach at Lake Rotoiti. He was a competent fly fisherman and all the family enjoyed fishing, shooting, tramping, boating and skiing. Peter served for a number of years on the local acclimatization society. Peter took an increasing interest in photography, developing and enlarging his own efforts and as the years passed, painting gradually supplanted photography. He was an active member of the Marlborough Art Society from its inception, and in 2003 he was made a life member. He attended art groups regularly producing hundreds of pictures and a little pottery.

In 1986 when Peter retired from General Practice he and Pauline toured Europe in a campervan for 18 months. He painted, visited areas where ancestors came from and researched many archives. Peter read a lot and attempted to get through the thousands of books on Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and general New Zealand history that they accumulated.

In May 1998 Pauline became unwell and Peter looked after her until her death in 2000. He continued to cook for himself, play competitive bridge and croquet, and attend art groups until the day before he went into hospital in July 2015. He died on 15 September 2015 and is survived by his children Pam, James and Richard, nine grandsons and three great grandsons.

Winstone Harris

4661 Aged 93

Winstone was in Julius House in 1937 and 1938 having moved from Cathedral Grammar when the senior school closed to all but those in the choir. Winstone started in the fifth form as a new boy and was required to 'fag' for the senior prefects, which he found quite humiliating, although the education and discipline was good and enabled him to achieved his matriculation. During the following year he settled in, made friends, was involved in rowing and worked towards and completed University Entrance.

He was the middle of seven children (five sisters and one brother) and enjoyed a secure childhood playing mostly with his younger female siblings, and living at Mount Pleasant and Park Terrace. Holidays were spent at Selwyn Huts and Hanmer, from where he went horse trekking through nearby St James and St Helens Stations.

Winstone attended Canterbury University changing from arts subjects after a year to a more science-focussed course when World War II broke out in 1939. This influenced his selection for a special training course in 'RDF' (radar as it is called now), which was a new weapon, meaning he was sworn to secrecy. In late 1941 he was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in the navy and was then 'lent' to Britain's Royal Navy and travelled by ship through a series of transfers from Australia to England by way of Ceylon, India, Kenya and South Africa, and long land journeys through India suffering from malaria on the way. Attacks by Japanese submarines and planes were witnessed in Colombo. Towards the end of the war he joined a landing party that was to capture the German submarine control base. His task was to examine German naval radar equipment and pass on any developments unknown in Britain and destroy the gear. A memorable moment was taking the

surrender of a German battle ship the Prince Eugen near Hamburg.

At war's end he returned home late in 1945 with plans to go farming but instead he joined his father's business, A. R. Harris Co Ltd, starting as a clerk and later buying out other family members shares. He travelled extensively, expanding and changing the focus of the business to suit the economic climate: starting with manufacturing agitator washing machines then infra- red heaters and then moving to mainly importing electrical goods from UK, US and Canada. He had been a leading rower at Christ's College and won University Blues in eights and fours with wins over Otago and Victoria. He was later active in administration, and was made a life member of the Canterbury Rowing club.

After retirement, Winstone played golf and tennis regularly and enjoyed tramping and skiing well into his eighties. He also visited his children and their families in various parts of New Zealand, helping out with gardening and household chores. His expertise with electrical problems and the toolbox he carried around was much appreciated. He could fix anything.

Winstone Harris, born Christchurch, 29 May 1921; died Christchurch 2 October 2014. Predeceased by wife Mary; survived by Jacky, Jenny, Pippy, Penny and Andrew (9043), 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

David Heathcote Garland

4824 Aged 90

After leaving school, David joined the Union Steamship Company in Christchurch. Upon reaching 18 he joined the RNZAF where he trained as a pilot and was commissioned. As he was too young to be sent overseas but was considered suitable, David became a flying instructor. He trained on Tiger Moths and also twin-engine Oxfords at Harewood and Wigram. Just towards the end of the war he was posted to Blenheim to convert onto fighters, but before the course finished the Japanese surrendered and his training was abandoned. David was discharged with the rank of Flying Officer.

On return to civilian life he re-joined the Union Company. In 1948 he married Barbara Tully, and was shortly transferred to Nandi, Fiji where the Union Co. had been appointed agents for British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines. While there he transferred to the New Zealand Air Department as aircraft controller at Nandi. He subsequently transferred to the Calibration Flight based at Paraparaumu, which had the duty of checking the accuracy of radio navigation aids at all airfields in New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. After several years he transferred to Qantas. and whilst with them, was based in London for some years. On return to Sydney, David became a Check Captain and was seconded to both Olympic Airlines in Athens, and also the Thai Airlines to train their pilots on Boeing 707's.

David retired to Sydney and later moved to Springwood in the Blue Mountains where he did much work for both the Springwood Golf Club, of which he was made a Life Member, and also for the Blue Mountains Golf Association. His wife died in 1983 and he remained in Springwood for the rest of his life, where he died on 21 October 2014. David is survived by a son living in Thailand and a daughter in New South Wales.

David Mayhew Manson

4878 Aged 88

David, the son of Alan and Martha Manson, was brought up in Christchurch on the Cashmere Hills. He attended Christ's College in Condell's House from 1939 to 1943.

His love of the sea and ships led him into the Merchant Navy with Shaw Savill Line, serving in many of the convoys crossing the Atlantic and Mediterranean. During his time at sea he became a highly decorated teenager. His medals included the 1939-1945 Operational Star, The Atlantic Star, Pacific Star and War Medal 1939-1945. David came ashore after the war, continuing with Shaw Savill Line in their Wellington and Christchurch offices.

In 1954 he married Rosemary Fay Mulligan (Fay) and they had two children, Victoria and Crichton.

In 1969 the family moved to Auckland and David became General Manager of Geo. Thompson and Co., and then Managing Director of Scholefield Goodman and Sons in 1976. He took early retirement in 1983 to look after Fay who died in 1984. In 1987 he remarried, to Diana Fulton, and after a busy retirement life together in Auckland. they moved back to Christchurch. David loved his cricket and was an active member of the Old Collegian Cricket Club in Christchurch. He also belonged to Round Table (charter member), Rotary Newmarket and Remuera. Probus Clubs in Auckland and Christchurch, and in his retirement he took up bowls. David was a police volunteer in Sumner for 10 years and also a volunteer for the Lyttelton Torpedo Museum. Many Saturday mornings were spent on the sideline, watching grandchildren in their respective sports.

David died in Akaroa on 5 September 2014. Akaroa had become home while awaiting a rebuild of his home on Mt Pleasant following the 22 February 2011 earthquake. Sadly he missed the completion date by one month.

David is survived by his wife Diana, Diana's sons, Philip and Nigel Vine, daughter Victoria, son Crichton, and five grandchildren.

Stephen Pringle Graham

4948 Aged 87

Peter and Muriel Graham's three sons, Gar (4322), Keith (4859) and Stephen attended Christ's College, all being in Jacobs House. This was a very different environment from their home at Franz Josef Glacier on the West Coast where they were part of a large extended family tourist hotel, farm and guiding business.

Stephen loved honey so his mother suggested he get some hives and expanded that love to also producing honey mead, which was tested in the lab at school and by the master, Mr Tothill, both received good commendations. On leaving school he spent a year with a North Island beekeeper but the lure of the mountains couldn't be ignored so he returned home to keep bees and follow the family tradition as a mountain guide. At 20 he contracted rheumatic fever spending 17 weeks in Christchurch Hospital before returning home to bees and search and rescue trips.

His first trip over Graham Saddle to the Hermitage and back over Copland Pass was when he was 7, together with his mother and siblings. Over the years he made many trips over Copland Pass, the last when he was 67 accompanying Fay and son Mark – there were many stories to tell in the huts at night. Around 1960 he purchased the local store and tearooms and contracted to provide three meals a day over 3.5 years for 60 builders of the THC Hotel at Franz Josef, its opening coinciding with the Haast Pass opening in 1965. In 1966 Stephen married Fay Perkins, who had come to Franz Josef as the Head Receptionist at the THC Hotel, and together they built a large motor inn, which they operated until 1981. Their two children were then at boarding school in Christchurch so decided to make their home between Prebbleton and Lincoln with idyllic views of the Southern Alps.

Stephen took to sheep and cropping farming, in addition to planting and covering two acres of blueberries for export and local market supply with hobby beekeeping pollinating this crop. After 12 relaxing months in Christchurch they missed the contact with tourists so much they started hosting bed and breakfast guests in their home, Menteith.

Greatly interested in genealogy, Stephen spent many hours researching the family tree and then treading the ground of his forebears in Scotland while on an OE trip celebrating 25 years of marriage. Over the years there have been numerous visits to mountainous countries around the world.

Skiing has been a big part of his life, only reluctantly stopping when about 83. Most winter family trips were made to Wanaka where three generations would gather for fun together, a legacy which still continues. More recently Stephen developed an interest in model yachts.

Stephen died suddenly on the way to the airport after a great weeks holiday with family and friends on 1 October 2014 and is survived by his wife Fay, son Mark (9969) daughter Stephanie and 2 grand-daughters.

Peter Norris George Blaxall

5176 Aged 86

Peter, the son of Gordon and Doris Blaxall, was in Condells House from 1943 to 1946.

Peter left school to attend Canterbury University studying accountancy and was working in an accountant's office when he was offered the opportunity to live and work in Japan for a year. After returning home he then founded Blaxall & Steven Ltd.

From 1967-1980 he was the Executive of the Canterbury Aged People's Welfare Council, also becoming a city councillor from 1968-1971. Peter was the Chairman of the City Community Service City Council, the New Zealand Social Development Council, and the Chairman of Parks and Recreation City Council. He was also the Patron of the Repertory Society.

Peter founded the Japan Society in Christchurch and also, after meeting Chuck Colson in the States, Prison Fellowship in New Zealand. Whilst on the council he was also involved with Cholmondeley Home. He was awarded the QSO in 1977 for his work with the elderly.

He died on 22 March 2015 and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen, his daughter Kim, son Michael (8868) and four grandchildren.

Robert Stewart Boyd

5179 Aged 85

Robert was born in Christchurch in 1930, the elder son of David Boyd and Bessie Bell. He attended Redcliffs Primary School and won a Somes Scholarship to Christ's College, where he attended from 1943 to 1947. He loved his time at College and always enjoyed visiting as an Old Boy. He excelled in Latin and history, and after five years in Julius House, he entered Canterbury University. There he did an arts degree with a double maior in Latin and History. Having always loved the outdoors he joined the university tramping club and climbed and tramped happily all around Canterbury and beyond. After graduating from Canterbury he went up to Auckland for a year at Secondary Teachers' Training College and completed a Master of Arts degree in History.

He began his teaching career at Waitaki Boys High School where he developed a lifelong enthusiasm for skiing and making outdoor education a part of his teaching program. Students from his days at Waitaki vividly remember piling into his Morris van and heading off to the hills for a tramping or even a hunting (!) expedition.

In 1957 he married Rosemary Burnard, whom he met at Canterbury University and they started married life at Pinehaven, out of Upper Hutt, where Robert taught at Heretaunga College. He did two years of country service at Tapawera District High School (near Nelson) which included driving the school bus at a speed frowned upon by locals. Subsequently he was appointed to Nelson College and he became Housemaster of Fell House and Head of Outdoor Education. He helped establish an outdoor education facility, Mataki Lodge, near Murchison, which was one of the first of its kind in New Zealand and it is still an integral part of the outdoor education programme at Nelson College. All four of his children, Caroline, Judi, Sarah and Andrew, were born in Nelson.

Two years in Napier at Colenso High School as Head of Social Studies was followed by his final appointment, Deputy Head of Southland Boys High School in Invercargill. With Rosemary, he retired first of all to Queenstown where they had a house and later to Nelson. Retirement included several overseas trips, many days on the beach at Tahunanui, some skiing, golf and trips to the hills and enjoying visits from his nine grandchildren.

Latterly, old age brought a few disabilities and after just four weeks in the Wood Retirement Home Robert (Bob) passed peacefully away surrounded by Rosemary and his children.

Robert was greatly loved for his gentle sense of humour, his passion for the outdoors and rugby, and his unwavering loyalty to his family and his friends.

John Graham Fletcher Moulton

5226 Aged 84

John was born in Dunedin on 28 January 1930. He was the second son of Alfred (Vuna) and Alice Moulton, brother of Geoffrey (4976) and Joan. His parents moved to Christchurch in 1934 and the following year he started at Fendalton Primary School.

In 1943 John started at College where he was in Harper House. He took up rowing due to poor eyesight following an accident that left him with only 5% sight in his left eye. Despite this, he was in the school shooting team and enjoyed rowing, attaining his colours for the eights in 1947.

Upon leaving College at the end of 1947, John first worked for the New Zealand Shipping

Company (three years), T. B. Hamptons (three years) and then, briefly, for Associated British Cables. After eighteen months of touring Europe, he returned to the same firm and remained there until his retirement in early 1990.

During this time, he earned diplomas for business and manufacturing and became his company's senior manufacturing planner, coping with the change to metric in the early 1970's. John was always grateful for the excellent grounding in math given to him at College by F.E. Morris and the elementary use of the Castell slide rule. He wore two out before the introduction of calculators and then computers (which often drove him to despair!).

In his early twenties, John continued to row for the Christchurch Rowing Club. He was also a keen skier, helping establish the Temple Basin Club and particularly enjoyed the working-bees over the summer months. His love of cars and trains ensured he became an enthusiastic member of both the Vintage and MG Car Club in the 1950's, and later, the Railway and Locomotive Society. For several years in the 1960's and 1970's John was a member of the Sumner Life Boat Association.

He married Rosemary in 1959 and they settled on Huntsbury Hill. Here, they broke in a huge section, raised three children, participated in the varied social activities the tight-knit community of hill-dwellers (including a period as secretary of the ratepayers association and serving on the Community Centre Committee) and gave warm and welcome hospitality to overseas tourists.

Once their son Richard started College, John and Rosemary enjoyed attending evensong on Sunday nights and sitting in on Friday evening choir practises in the chapel. John was a great champion of College, serving on the Old Boys' committee in the mid-seventies and attending chapel and other school events until recently.

Once he retired in 1990, John enjoyed travelling and also participating in his local Probus Club's varied events. He was an avid listener of Concert FM, especially anything by Beethoven who's works he particularly enjoyed. Health issues caused a slow deterioration in John's mobility and eventual reliance on a motorised wheelchair, which he drove with great skill and flair! Ill health meant he had to shift to Chatswood Retirement Home in the middle of 2014 where he died just before Christmas, a gentleman to the last. He is survived by his wife Rosemary, son Richard (8931), daughters Elizabeth and Stephanie, and six grandchildren.

Edmund Binney Lock

5429 Aged 82

Born in 1932, Binney grew up at Cust and was in Jacobs House from 1945 to 1949.

Having been a good student at College, with particular strengths in English, Binney began his journalism career in 1951 at The Press while studying towards an MA in English at the University of Canterbury. Starting as a copyholder in the reading room, by 1958 Binney was a senior reporter and was soon sent to London as the New Zealand Associated Press correspondent, 1959-62, returning to New Zealand as The Press parliamentary reporter in the Press Gallery. In 1965 he became a permanent leader writer at The Press and was sent to Vietnam to write about the war. For many years Binney was heavily involved in the Journalists' Union, later joining the boards of the Commonwealth Press Union, the NZ Press Association, and the Press Council.

In 1972, Binney was made assistant editor of The Press, and in 1978 was appointed editor. During his 12 years as editor, the paper's circulation grew more than 30% and underwent its greatest modernisation. Colleagues greatly respected Binney's intelligence, logic, demand for balanced reporting, and his humaneness. In 1990, the year he retired, Binney was awarded a CBE for his services to journalism. In retirement, Binney continued to edit and write, including authoring The Anglican Church in Oxford and Cust, 1865-1965; and Medbury School, 1923-1973. He was also instrumental, along with Mark Ballantyne, in driving the 50th and 60th anniversaries for College's 1945 year group.

A modern man with a great respect for the past, he was a founding member of the Canterbury History Foundation when it formed in 1999. As secretary, Binney devoted much time and energy to the Foundation's purpose of raising funds to promote historical work in Canterbury in the community, in schools and at the University. Retirement also offered Binney the opportunity to contribute greatly to his wife and daughter's activities. His practical support, wisdom and guidance were extremely valuable.

A loving husband and father, Binney was always interested and interesting. A true gentleman.

Binney died on 16 November 2014 and is survived by his wife Mary and daughter Katie.

Derek Lesley Rantin

5521 Aged 83

Derek Leslie Rantin was born in Dunedin in 1930 to Thomas and Taeiri, and had two sisters, Jo and Pat. His father died when Derek was only five. The Wardell's' of Omarama, who were good family friends, took Derek under their wing and he spent many happy times on their station, walking the high country hills and exploring the many trails. Derek loved the outdoors, and in Omarama, he was in his element.

Derek was a boarder in Flowers House from 1946 to 1949 where he thrived, captaining the 1st XV, rowing in the eight in his final years, as well as being school Prefect and Under Officer in the Cadet Corps. From there Derek set out to make his mark on the world. At the age of 20 he jumped on a rusty old freighter in Wellington and headed for the wool trade in Bradford, England where he stayed for several years. He also managed to get to London to see the Royal Coronation celebrations in 1953, sleeping under the trees on the Mall waiting for the newly crowned Queen's carriage to pass. He returned to New Zealand in the mid fifties and resumed work in the wool trade, first in Auckland and then Wellington.

Derek married, raised two boys (Mark and Tim) and moved back to Auckland and the glass business, where he managed ARB & Stokes in Parnell for many years. After a divorce he married Leigh Loseby (nee Marryatt), and they spent 33 happy years together in Milford, Takapuna and then Devonport, Auckland. By now Derek had retired and started playing bowls and attending Senior Net, where he developed the skills to pursue an interest in Genealogy, eventually publishing a book on Leigh's family history and her father, who was a distinguished officer in both world wars. Derek was also stepfather to Leigh's children, Jennie and Richard, and grandfather to their own children: Victoria, Tom, Eleanor and Isobel.

About this time Derek started to keep the North Shore Hospital surgery teams busy, with a couple of major heart operations, heart valve replacements and a hip replacement. The only thing that never failed was his devotion to Leigh. He kept going for her, dodging quite a few medical bullets, until in August 2014 they moved to a rest home in Albany. A few months later, aged 83, he developed bone cancer and typically Derek opted to fight it with chemotherapy - not a treatment to be taken lightly. Amazingly it started to work, yet just weeks before his 84th birthday, he went down with an infection and after the chemotherapy, there was nothing that could be done. On 2 November the doctors thought he'd not last the night, but he made it all the way through until 9.45am the next morning. Enough time for Leigh and the family to get there and see him go.

Derek was a man of big stature and much personal integrity. He was very proud of his time at Christ's and remained good friends with many schoolmates from that time, attending some of the big school reunions with his wife Leigh, who loved as much as he did those regular trips back to the Mainland.

Charles Jameson Sewell

5796 Aged 79

Charles Jameson (Jim) Sewell was born on 20 April 1935 in Christchurch to Ira (from Coleman, Texas) and Marcella Jameson Sewell (from Dunedin). He left this world for a better place on 2 October 2014 with wife Linda and stepson Darryl by his side.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda Jacobs Sewell, and the children he so loved; Brett Sewell (Christchurch), Hamish Sewell (Brisbane), Penny Sewell Burns (Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland), Megan Sewell (Anchorage, Alaska) and Michael Sewell (Seattle) and two grandchildren, Rebecca Sewell and Caitlin Sewell of Christchurch. He is also survived by three stepchildren; Darryl Weekley (Pensacola, Florida), Chris Weekley (Mobile, Alabama) and Donna Weekley Kiernan (Jacksonville, Florida).

Jim was a former member of several SCV camps around the Mobile area and also enjoyed reenacting the war between the States.

Jim attended Christ's College where he was a member of the rowing team and also a member of the rugby team. He holds several silver trophies for his rowing achievements. He loved to row and often spoke of returning to New Zealand and rowing with some of his friends again. He had a brother, Brett, who was two years younger than Jim, who was tragically killed in a hunting accident when Brett was only 18 years old. Jim mourned the loss of his brother for his entire.

Jim married his first wife, Elizabeth and had his three oldest children in Christchurch. When he and Elizabeth divorced, Jim moved to Seattle, where he met and married Cindy and had two children, Michael and Megan Sewell. While in Seattle, Jim worked for several auto dealerships, selling exotic cars, such as Ferrari's, Lamborghini's and other luxurious vehicles. He also enjoyed taking them for an occasional test run every opportunity he could get. Jim then met his wife Linda in 1999, and they celebrated 15 years of marriage this past August.

Jim was a very outspoken Christian conservative and was willing to take a stand for his beliefs. He attended the rally in Montgomery, when Judge Roy Moore was under attack and being forced to remove the Ten Commandments from his courtroom. Jim also made several political statements to former Mayor Mike Dow, rallying at his home during one of his elite Christmas parties, rallying around Mike Dow wherever he made public appearances, etc. Mike Dow eventually gave in and allowed the Third National Confederate flag to fly over the city of Mobile. This raising of the flag would not have happened without the help of Jim and his many Confederate compatriots.

Jim began attending Victory Baptist church in Coden, Alabama and found salvation in 2005. Jim loved the Lord and tried to live his life according to the will of God.

Jim discovered his Confederate ancestors from Missouri and began attending re-enactments, birthday parties for Nathan Bedford Forrest and many other Confederate events around the southeast. He enjoyed celebrating and remembering his special ancestors.

After reporting his death to his many friends, his wife received many messages of condolences and words of sympathy from around the world. Every message spoke of Jim's kindness, his intelligence, his gentle nature, his ability to solve problems and his love of life. When learning that Jim was terminally ill, many nurses from other floors where Jim had previously stayed in the last two months came to say their goodbyes to him and to tell him that he was the best patient they had ever had and certainly the sweetest. No matter what they did to him, Jim always thanked them. Many said he had touched their hearts and they would never forget him. Jim will be sadly missed by those who knew him, and especially by those who loved him. He was a special man with a special gift and a loving heart.

Jonathan Arthur Schneideman

5890

Aged 78

John was born in Christchurch on 20 November 1936. He attended Medbury School from 1944 to 1949. He then attended Christ's College and was in Harper House from 1950 to 1954.

On leaving College, John went to Burnham Military Camp for compulsory training for 13 weeks. Following training he began work for warehouse merchants, Bing Harris & Co Ltd in 1955. In 1956 he moved to customs agents, E.S.Forne and Co Ltd. Later that year he joined the family firm International Models Ltd who manufactured upmarket suites and coats sold in all major department stores in New Zealand. These coats are still being worn today. In the same year, International Cameras was opened by the family and had branches all over New Zealand. They were the first company to offer hire purchase. In 1963 he married Adrienne Talbot.

In June 1967 Christchurch City Council put the duty free shops in Christchurch up for tender. John and his father were the successful tenderers. This also required them to open a store in the city. They converted the State Theatre building into three floors of retail designed by Christchurch firm Warren and Mahoney, which became a landmark north of the Square.

John successfully ran the stores until 1988 when he sold out to American firm Duty Free Shoppers who had stores worldwide. John then established DF Souvenirs with his two sons, which still exists to this day.

In John's spare time he had a great interest in gardening, playing tennis and travelling. John died on 2 January 2015 after a short illness, his wife Adrienne predeceased him on 6 April 2010. He is survived by his three children Richard (9500), Peter (9762) and Jane, and his four grandchildren Will (14481), Nick, Annabelle and Sophie.

Edward John Hazlett

6036 Aged 76

Jack was born in Invercargill in 1938. He attended Christ's College from 1952 to 1955 as a boarder in Flowers House. He was a brother to Bridget, Kate, the late Mike (5854) and Denis (6632); father, father in law and grandfather to Jonny (9182), Liz, George (13261), Henrietta and Edmund (13996); Mandy and Andrew McKellar (9060), Angus (13743), Samantha and Matthew (14465); Tony (9709), Jane, Laura, Alice and Ben.

While at school he excelled at sport, representing College in rugby, cricket, swimming and boxing and loved going back to College to watch his grandsons on the sports field. After leaving school Jack worked in the high country of Northern Southland as a musterer before marrying Anne (nee Todd) and moving to the family farm in Drummond. Upon retirement he moved to Riverton, spending time between there and Wanaka. Jack was an avid sportsman, playing rugby for his local club Drummond, then a stint of 87 games for Southland over nine seasons. He captained the side to a win over the British Lions. From there he had four consecutive years as a member of the South Island team before being chosen for the All Blacks where he played a total of 12 games.

Jack didn't rest on his laurels after his sporting success. He started the Thornbury based business Slink Skins, which processes skins from dead lambs and calves, turning a waste product into an article that is in demand by fashion houses throughout the world. The Slink Skins business grew a collection system whereby at its peak, collected some three million lamb and calfskins from 15,000 farmers throughout New Zealand. The business received an Export Award in 1999 and Jack was made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to exporting.

Jack is survived by his wife Anne, their three children and nine grandchildren, having died peacefully in the Southland Hospice on 16 December 2014.

John Macdonald Taylor

6085 Aged 75

John was in Harper House from 1952 to 1956. He was the eldest son of Tim and Ethel Taylor, and brother of Nigel (6227), Harvey (7234) and Helen.

John attended Cathedral Grammar, College and later the University of Canterbury School of Engineering graduating with BE(Hons) in 1964.

As a structural engineer, he worked firstly for Lyall Holmes Consulting, briefly in the UK in the mid 1960's, returning to later join in partnership with Halliday, O'Loughlan and Taylor Consulting Engineers. In his late fifties, and now working at the Christchurch City Council, John decided to go back to university part time to do his Masters in Fire Engineering graduating in 2002. He was able to make good use of this new knowledge at the council. After retiring, he was recalled to provide specialist knowledge part time after the earthquake of 2010.

Involvement in church activities, Rotary for over thirty years and time on the Board of College House at the University of Canterbury were some of the many ways John served in the community. John died suddenly in Christchurch on 15 September 2014. He is survived by his wife Liz, children Sarah, Chris and Bronwyn, and his nine grandchildren.

John and Liz had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary some six months earlier, joined by extended family at an extremely happy occasion.

At his funeral service John was frequently mentioned as a quiet man, a gentle man and a gentleman. That epitomised his life.

John Evelyn Austin

6246 Aged 74

John was born in Christchurch on Christmas Day 1940. He was raised in Staveley, before the family moved to Avonhead in 1945. He attended Christ's College from 1954 to 1958 and was in Harper House. He was awarded his school colours for rugby and athletics in 1958, and was also Captain of Athletics that year.

On leaving school he worked for two years at Frank Chittock's Romney stud 'Rosemerryn' in Lincoln. In 1960 he went to his family's farm 'Aroha Downs' near Oxford, and farmed there until 2003 when he moved to Clearwater where he supervised the building of his new home. In 1978 he was awarded the AC Cameron Award. This national award is given to a farmer who excels, and displays innovation, leadership, community involvement, and input into his industry as a whole. Throughout his farming years John maintained an innovative approach to farming. He was at the forefront of both Charolais and Simmental beef cattle breeds. He was also prominent in the early days of deer farming and had one of the first registered deer herds. John was ahead of his time in farming decisions, and over the years with all his interests initiated the planting of many trees and shrubs with a specific aim to increase beauty and ambiance for the future generations to enjoy.

John's interests were not restricted to farming. He served as a director of several boards and committees, including agricultural companies and a variety of businesses. He was a fellow of Christ's College from 1981 until 1987.

He was an accomplished equestrian and a successful schoolboy rider, he hunted and steeplechased which led to a deep involvement in the racing industry. John had a long association with the Canterbury Jockey Club and was chairman from 1985 to 1991. He also served as chairman of the TAB, and deputy chairman of the New Zealand Racing Conference. He was a successful owner of several horses, the most notable being 'Fritz'. In his later years, John was chairman of the Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Trust.

When John moved to Clearwater he became heavily involved in the group of volunteers committed to fundraising and landscaping the golf course and resort.

John died on 22 March 2015 and is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Nicola Wright (married to Hamish (8694)), sons Jonathan (9274) and Timothy (9659), and eight grandchildren, including Henry Wright (13493), Edward Wright (14083) and Luke Austin (14252).

Brian George Ross Stevenson

6343 Aged 73

Ross, son of James (3679) and Marjorie, was brought up in Christchurch along with his elder sister Ann, and younger sisters Jill, Sally & Jane.

He attended Fendalton Open Air School before commencing Christ's College in 1954 to 1958 in Julius House. At College Ross won the junior championship for athletics in October 1955.

Ross began playing for Christchurch Rugby Club in 1959 and was a member of the 1962 Junior Canterbury representative team.

Ross married Gillian Guy, and they had three boys James (9769) Richard (10043) and Simon (10510). Gill sadly passed away in 1987.

Direct from College, Ross joined New Zealand Loan & Mercantile, firstly in their Christchurch office and then based at Rakaia. In 1962 he joined his father at Cuddon & Stewart, culminating in later years in the role of Managing Director. Ross proudly spoke of his first day on the road travelling for Cuddon & Stewart in North Canterbury – the day of the Wahine Storm (10 April 1968). North Canterbury was his stronghold, the distances he travelled and efforts he made to procure many varied items required by his farming clients were appreciated by all. When Gill passed away, Ross withdrew from North Canterbury to ensure he was home in evenings for his three boys and retreated to the Hororata and Canterbury high country area.

For Ross, it was with much nostalgia and sadness in 2006, when Cuddon & Stewart was absorbed into Combined Rural Traders (CRT). Ross retreated to a role he relished the most, that of being out on the road servicing his loyal farming clients, many whom had been with Cuddon & Stewart initially (some for 3-4 generations of the same family). Ross saw all his farming clients as close friends, and many remained so. His passion for gardening (in particular rhododendrons) was also a common interest with many farming friends, with sometimes as much time and advice applied to the farm gardens, as to general farming business. Ross had a lifelong passion for the outdoors starting with fly-fishing with his father and friends, primarily in Canterbury high country, along with hunting & tramping.

In recent years Ross has travelled overseas to continue to follow wildlife including Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana & Brazil.

Ross died on 25 March 2014 after short battle with cancer and is survived by his three boys, five grandchildren and his second wife Jackie.

Denis Hardwick Banks

6596 Aged 71

Denis was at College from 1957 to 1960. He was one of four brothers in Harper House. He attended Cathedral Grammar School from 1950 to 1956.

On leaving College he entered the family business in the timber industry and served on a number of boards in the group of family companies. He had an intense interest and fascination in motor trucks, jogging and cycling, and a long-term association with the Canterbury Jockey Club.

Denis died on 27 May 2014 after battling cancer for over five years. He is survived by his wife Lynette, daughter Annabelle and granddaughter Sophia.

Denis Luke Hazlett



Denis was killed in a controlled burn-off on a North Canterbury farm on 15 October 2014. He was helping one of his many friends.

Denis was born in Invercargill on 13 September 1943. He had a twin sister Kate and three elder siblings Michael, Bridget and Jack. His parents, Lou and Anita, farmed near Invercargill.

Denis went to school at Waihi and Christ's College. His special feeling for Waihi was manifested in his record of service to the school. He was a member of the Trust Board in the 1980's, chairman of an appeal that successfully raised funds for a new classroom block, chair of the Waihi association and a member of the Waihi Foundation. He acknowledged the school as "the launch pad" for his life.

Denis was in Flower's House from 1957 to 1960. His drive for academic honours was impeded somewhat by his interest and prowess in the various sporting codes. He represented the school in both the 1st XV and 1st XI. Denis went on to represent his beloved Southland in rugby 12 times in 1966 and 1967.

On leaving school Denis joined the staff of J E Watson at Otautau. From there he joined National Mortgage at Clinton then Outram. He married Geraldine in 1965. She bore him three children, David (10226), James (10227) and Alice. In 1977 he moved to Feilding with his family. Further promotion took the family to Timaru, where Denis was appointed manager of Wrightson NMA.

In 1983 Denis moved to Christchurch first as Livestock manager for Wrightson-Dalgety then GM of Challenge Deer. In 1988 Denis was appointed General Manager of Pyne Gould Guinness Ltd. At a time when farming and farm servicing companies were struggling Denis's philosophy was simple, 'Grow the business'.

And grow the business he did. Under his leadership PGG grew and thrived reinforcing its position as the pre-eminent service provider for farmers in Canterbury. On his retirement in 2001 he became chairman of the Rural Communities Trust. He was a founding director of Hazlett Rural, and sat on the boards of many other companies involved in land and finance.

Denis was a keen horseman. The stories of his hunting activities could fill a book. He was fearless in the field and the stories surrounding his not infrequent falls have been retold endlessly. He was an inspiration to all.

Denis also operated a number of horseracing syndicates with varying degrees of success.

Friendship was a most important aspect of Denis's life. Denis touched the lives of hundreds of people. For many he was "a life force", for others "one of life's special characters", "a great mentor and friend". Whatever the tribute was it came because of Denis's real and intense interest in the particular person to whom he was talking at that time. His determination to keep in daily touch with a huge number of friends was testimony to his networking skills. These skills took him right to the top of the Stock and Station industry.

In the words of his family, 'He was a massive father figure, a leader and a listener. He was made for the Stock and Station industry and the industry was made for him'.

Peter David Hansen

6760 Aged 70

Pete was born in Cardiff, Wales on the 22 May 1944. His father was Squadron Leader of a Bristol Bomber in the RAF. After the war, the family moved to Borneo where his father became Police Commissioner of Borneo.

During his time in Borneo, Pete met the Sultan of Brunei, pirates and had a pet orangutan named Charlie (but Charlie turned out to be a girl). When the family left Borneo, Charlie went to the London Zoo and Pete came to New Zealand.

When he was nine years old Pete attended Medbury School as a boarder. His grandparents had a farm at the back of the airport in those days. He then attended Christ's College as a boarder from 1958 - 1962. Pete was in Richards House and this was where he met Robert Field-Dodgson, whom in later years Pete played bass guitar for at a benefit concert. When Pete left school he went on to become a professional full time musician at various Christchurch nightclubs.

Pete met and married Denyse and they had two children, Craig and Anna. Years later he met Vonda and her son Andrew and they married at Lake Tekapo in the Church of the Good Shepherd on the lake in 1977. Kristina and Mark were born from this marriage, and Pete and Vonda celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary in March 2015. Between them they have six grandchildren. Pete never tired from being with them and teaching them, whether it was music or life skills.

Music was Pete's passion and he played for over fifty years. He was a very well respected musician in Christchurch, and later on, the West Coast.

Pete and Vonda returned to Borneo two years ago for a six-week holiday, which included a lot of reminiscing. Meeting old and new friends was the highlight of their trip, which they both thoroughly enjoyed.

Pete was a sweet, gentle man with lots of patience. His family will miss him every day.

Michael Harvie Piper

6803 Aged 69

Mike was born in Auckland in 1945. Following in the footsteps of his father, Harvie Piper (4020), he attended Christ's College from 1959 to 1963.

Otago University followed schooling. Mike completed a B.Com and became a chartered accountant, thus began a significant career. From 1971 to 2005 he was a partner with McCulloch and Partners in Invercargill. He was awarded a Fellowship of the New Zealand Institute of Charted Accountants in 2004. After retiring he continued as a consultant for some time.

Mike was also a share broker in the firm Broad and Piper and was a member of the NZ Stock Exchange. He served ten years on the Southland Branch of ICANZ including a period as chairman. Other community work included service with Round Table as National Treasurer and the Invercargill Advisory Committee for the Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind. He was Secretary of the Southland A & P Association for seven years.

The Southland province will always be indebted to Mike for his role in assisting keeping SBS Bank in members' hands rather than being taken over by Westpac in 1991. Mike was a director of SBS Bank for 17 years and served 11 years as Deputy Chairman. He was also a director of Southsure Assurance Ltd.

Mike was passionate about sport both as a competitor and administrator. He completed 100 marathons including 35 overseas - the Boston Marathon 15 times and another 20 including London, New York, Gold Coast, Sydney, Portland, Chicago, Knoxville, Ocean City, Honolulu and Helsinki. He completed another 65 within New Zealand. Notably, 62 were run under three hours and 55 consecutively under three hours. Mike recorded wins in the World Masters events (age group Gold) at the prestigious Honolulu and Chicago marathons, and placed third in the 50-54 age group in Boston in 2.45. He completed the Kepler Challenge three times including the inaugural event in 1988. Some years he logged 6000km training.

Mike was appointed to the first Board of NZ Academy of Sport South Island in 2000 and served as chairman for a number of years on this board. He was an inaugural Trustee of Sport Southland and the first chairman of Stadium Southland when it was built. He was Race Director of the Invercargill Marathon for 15 years and a long time trustee of the Southland Amateur Sports Trust.

In recognition of his athletics involvement, Mike was honoured with life membership of both Athletics Invercargill and Athletics Southland. He was given a Services to Sport award for Administration at the Southland Sports Award in 2013.

Unfortunately Mike developed bone cancer in his head and after 7 operations, radiation and chemotherapy and a very brave fight, he passed away on 9 January 2015 aged 69 years. He is survived by his wife Joy, daughters Rachel and Jane, and 5 granddaughters.

Richard Grant Kay

6907 Aged 69

Richard Grant Kay was born in Christchurch on 24 June 1945, and grew up on the family farm, Onawe, at Duvauchelle on Banks Peninsula. Richard attended the local primary school and then went to Medbury where his cricketing abilities began to emerge. The 1958 1st XI was talked about for many years. At Christ's College, he advanced to the 1st XI in his fourth form year, which created some controversy, but the coaches confidence in him was justified. Richard also played rugby and was in the Christ's College 1st XV.

On leaving school Richard returned to the family farm, which deprived him of the opportunity to play senior cricket in Christchurch, and meant he was never able to achieve his full potential as a leg spin bowler and useful batsman. In those days there was a very competitive cricket competition on the Peninsula and Richard played for United as well as playing representative cricket for Banks Peninsula and North Canterbury. Richard was also a keen golfer and was the Akaroa Golf Club senior champion several times. Ongoing back problems limited Richard's abilities in later years but he remained a passionate Canterbury supporter and had an encyclopaedic memory of sporting information.

Richard married Bronwyn Dowle and shortly after in 1985 had his first battle with cancer that saw Richard's share of the family farm sold. On leaving Onawe, Richard and Bronwyn grew asparagus at Clarkville before moving in to Christchurch where Richard drove for Ballantynes. After a period at Greendale grazing dairy cows Richard had another back injury that forced him to rethink his employment options. With their children, Lucy and Nic, they moved to Kaikoura and Richard began to be involved in tourism with a tour business, working for Whale Watch Air and setting up a small backpackers.

The family moved back to Christchurch and Richard set up and managed a 45 bed backpackers in what was initially a very run down Dorset House. The family lived in a separate area and had eight busy and enjoyable years there. Richard was an excellent hostel manager and the backpackers was know as a quality place to stay. When the hostel was sold Richard moved on to become a tram driver for Christchurch Tramways. He loved his four years as a driver and welcomed the changed role with tourists. The tram job ended with the Canterbury earthquakes and Richard moved on to become a delivery driver for a car distribution firm. He relished the opportunity to drive a variety of new cars but his final battle with cancer ended this job. Richard died at home on 24 November 2014 and is survived by his wife Bronwyn, and children Lucy and Nic.

Philip Ronald Guthrey

7300 Aged 66

Philip was in Harper House from 1962 to 1966. He received his colours for boxing.

After leaving school on a high note, Phil went to Canterbury University where he obtained a commerce degree with little effort. He then embarked on an OE, which lasted the rest of his life. For short periods of time when he was younger, Phil would take on accounting work.

In the mid 1970's Phil became an early follower of the Indian mystic guru Osho (formally known as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh) founder of the Rajneesh movement, and spent time in Poona, India, then Oregon, USA where the guru purchased thousands of acres and drove around in one of his many Rolls Royce's. Osho lectured and wrote books promoting meditation and civil liberties that reject state regulations and religious interference in personal relationships. At this stage Phil started going by the name of Manjushri. He would regularly return home to Christchurch during the early years always wearing distinctive orange robes. Little wonder the customs officers were always obsessed with him. Manjushri also had the power of healing hands.

Manjushri purchased a property in Byron Bay and then a property in the hills inland from Noosa. He loved the peace and quiet, and would sell crystals he'd purchased from India and South America. He would also sell them at stalls and from the Arts Centre whenever he was home in Christchurch. Each year he and Kamal would spend time at the family bach in Akaroa Harbour where he loved sailing, especially small boats. Philip developed prostate cancer about seven years ago and decided not to seek conventional treatment. He travelled to China for oxygen treatment that relieved him somewhat.

In early 2014 he went to Japan for further treatment and lived there the rest of the year but the cancer got steadily worse. He married his long term Japanese partner, Kamal, whilst in Japan, she nursed him devotedly.

They returned to Christchurch where he stayed with his brother David for two weeks before he died. Manjushri was determined to live right to the end and planned to buy an apartment in Christchurch for his regular visits. He was a very peaceful person, unconventional yet determined and held strong views and values.

Phil died on 3 December 2014. He was greatly loved by his late parents, his wife, his four brothers and sister, his many nephews and nieces (who were enthralled by him, as he would play the flute as he handed out his crystals to them) and his in-laws.

David Leslie Julius Rutherford

7748 Aged 63

David was born in Rotherham and lived at Morna, Culverden during his childhood. He is survived by his parents, John (4612) and Diana Rutherford.

David boarded at Jacobs House from 1965 to 1969, playing in the 1st XV and receiving his Athletic colours.

After leaving College, he pursued his love of farming, attending Lincoln College and working in the high country. In 1976 he married Elizabeth Coe and they had four children. In 1977 they moved to Leslie Hills, Culverden where he developed and created a legacy for his children.

David was a well-respected farmer and an astute businessman. He formed the Amuri Broom Group in conjunction with Landcare research, with the vision of eradicating broom for his great grandchildren.

David loved his rugby and coached senior and junior teams for many years. He was also a keen boatie. David died as a result of a cycling accident. He is survived by his wife Fiz and children, Belinda, George (11642), Sara and Duncan (12257) and ten grandchildren, with more on the way.

Arthur Churchill Fendall Sandston

8278 Aged 58

Arthur Sandston died in Christchurch on 30 August 2014 after a kidney transplant operation led to heart failure. Arthur's first kidney transplant had been ten years earlier.

Arthur was the first son of Garry (4124) and Elizabeth Sandston, and grew up in Christchurch, attending The Cathedral Grammar School and then Christ's College. He was the brother of the late Richard (9100) and John (9498).

Arthur was a strong academic and graduated LLB from the University of Canterbury, and took over his father's legal practice concentrating on conveyancing and estates.

He married Valerie in 1990 and they had many happy years together.

He had a considerable involvement in many charitable organisations. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Alzheimer's Society and a past president of the Canterbury branch, as well as being the Honorary Solicitor for New Zealand. He was motivated by a desire to give back to an organisation that had done so much for his father. Arthur was heavily involved in the Christchurch Kidney Society and was involved in getting a dialysis campervan set up so that people with kidney failure could still get away for holidays. He was also and Honorary member of the Salvation Army.

Arthur loved spending time with his many nieces, nephews and godchildren. He had an interest in politics, but not necessarily politicians, classical and heavy rock music, and travel. Arthur was always a great lover of cats and dogs, with his favourite being his 'wonder dog' Branston Sandston. Branston was in pride of place at Arthur's funeral, which was attended by family from throughout New Zealand and many friends, former colleagues and clients.

He is survived by his wife Valerie.

William Frederick Gibson

8482

Aged 56

Bill was born on 22 January 1958 to Anne and Robin Gibson (5307). He was the grandson of TFM Gibson (2643) and great-grandson of TFM Gibson (1340). His early education was at Elmwood Primary School. After a few years he moved to Medbury Preparatory School. The academic rigour of Medbury suited Bill and on leaving in 1970 he was awarded several prizes including the Luhur's Cup for Head Scholar and a Somes scholarship to Christ's College.

He was a member of Corfe House at Christ's College from 1971 to 1975. Bill continued to excel academically, completing his tenure with a variety of prizes in both sciences and humanities culminating in the Wacher Prize (for the academic Head of School). He was a House Prefect and captain of chess. He was awarded school colours in harriers and was part of a group who successfully advocated for the addition of soccer to the sporting options available. During these formative years he developed his lifelong love of chess and bridge along with a love of outdoor pursuits including tennis, skiing, bodysurfing and tramping, all of which were introduced to him by his parents. He was always a vociferous reader and lover of music. In 1976, with a Junior University Scholarship, Bill attended Canterbury University, graduating in 1978 with a BSC Honours in Mathematics. This took him on to Wellington where he worked in the Department of Statistics.

In 1982, after an adventurous OE trip, Bill moved to Sydney, Australia, to work for SAS – a company which develops and markets a suite of analytics software also called SAS (Statistical Analysis System), and this is where he remained for 32 years. SAS is an American company and Australia was its second foray into other countries. When Bill began with SAS Australia, he was one of two employees. SAS is now the world's largest vendor in the business intelligence market. Bill worked extensively in New Zealand, South East Asia and South America as part of SAS's expansion. His latest role was that of Chief Technology Officer. He is remembered as, 'An icon of the company loved and respected by colleagues, customers and the user community.'

Through tennis, Bill met and married Selina in 1992. They have two children, Ellie aged 18 and Chris now aged 16. As a family they travelled extensively and shared a love of skiing and outdoor pursuits. Bill has been very supportive of the family's scouting adventures, working in administration.

Numerous mountain adventures in every continent; skiing in Europe and North America and regular exploratory trips in Australia kept Bill fit over the years. He was always interested in the different cultures on his travels. His last trip, in April 2014, was completing the highest section of the, 'Himalayan Traverse' in Nepal. It took 30 days. The photos and notes he took of all his adventures are amazing.

On 20 September 2014, Bill was taken from us with a sudden unexpected heart attack. Bill is remembered by family, friends and colleagues for his contagious passion and enthusiasm; his willingness to help and assist in any way along with his affable, joyous, inspiring and humble nature. He is survived by his wife Selina, children Ellie and Chris, his parents Robin and Anne Gibson, and his sisters Sue Robson and Mary Davie.

Jonathan Campbell Wynne-Lewis

9652 Aged 49

Jonny was Head of Corfe House in 1983 and a School Prefect. He was in the rowing XIII and earned his school colours, plus played rugby in the 1st XV and earned his jersey colours. He later graduated B.Com at Otago University.

Jonny was the manager of a branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank in Bombay when he became ill.

