

IN MEMORANDUM

Neil Hunter advises the sad news that:-

- **John Rule**, who lived in Werribee, passed away on 17 May - no further details are available,
- **Wayne Davies** (3TMT) passed away in early May after a long illness. No further details are available

Ernie Gimm advises us that **Barry Ezzy** has passed away. Barry resided at Edge Hill which is a suburb of Cairns. Unfortunately, we do not have any further details.

Steve Hartigan advises,

- That Sqn/Ldr **Tom Ward** died on the 18 June 2008 at Coolangatta after a long and gallant battle with cancer. Tom flew with 9 Sqn in Vietnam and commanded the Squadron on its return to Amberley for six months in 1973. After Tom left the Service he was involved in Search and Rescue ops in South East Queensland as a helicopter pilot. He was a great pilot, a wonderful friend and a regular golf partner – a game he loved with a passion.
- The passing of **Paddy Brennan**. Paddy, who was well known to a large number of folk and was a memorial part of No 5 sqn. Paddy died on June 09 and was buried in Canberra on June 13 2008.

Alan Wilson informs us of the sad news on the passing of **Ian Edgar** a former RAAF RADTECH A who lost his fight with cancer on Wednesday morning 6 August and in the words of his wife Loretta:

“Unfortunately the time has come - Ian took his last flight this morning at 5.45am. He always said the first flight out at first light was the best flight of the day. He even made it before the first passenger flight took off. Today (6Aug) was also his mother's birthday - she would have been celebrating her 90th birthday - he was obviously going to a celebration that we weren't invited to”.

A volunteer carer had been with him for a few hours, he only had 2 small pain break throughs through the night and the nursing staff could see he was going but didn't think he would go that quickly. He had even decided to get up and go to the toilet 1 hour before departure.



It was so lovely to see him when we arrived at the hospice - they had the lights dimmed (by candlelight) and Ian looked so relaxed after the trauma he has experienced during the last few months. We opened the curtains and the first rays of the sun were just coming over the horizon and flooded into his room. He always liked waking up to have the sun shining into the room.

Kathryn, Ken and I really thank everyone for all the support, shoulders to cry on, food and just being there for us and more importantly for Ian as he waged and battled this biggest challenge of his life.

Wonderful thoughts from someone who has stood by Ian during his fight and is left behind.

Ian's funeral was held at the Norwood Crematorium in Mitchell [Canberra] on Tuesday, 12 August and his wake was held at the Ainslie Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.