**In MEMORIAM for Bricket Wood Ambassador College 1960-1974**

By [Ken Murray](https://www.facebook.com/ken.murray.750) on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 2:11pm

These are just some rough notes for starters ...with the purpose of stimulating members on our Bricket Wood Alumni Facebook forum to**please add any other details** they might know, about the following dearly loved ones.

The information gleaned, will be very useful in preparing a tastefully presented "In Memoriam" at our upcoming 40th Bricket Wood Reunion ...and other Reunions to follow, in the future.

DRAFT NOTES ONLY from our Bricket Wood Forum:

**In Memoriam from Bricket Wood Ambassador College Years 1960-1974**

**Special Notation:**

Dr Rea , Leo Bogdanchek, Mrs Barbara Silcox and Mrs Hunting ...all buried near Sir David Yule's tomb on Bricket Wood campus.

**FACULTY & Spouses**

**Dr. Kenneth Abbott**

**Mrs. Abbott**

**Mr Herbert W Armstrong**

Died 16th January 1986

**Mrs Loma Armstrong**

Died 15th April 1967

**Leo Joseph Bogdanchik,**

1918-1970

Information from Peter Mark Butler:

Leo Bogdanchik is also buried at Bricket Wood campus. Ginny and I have visited his grave every so often. We promised his wife Joan we would but sadly I confess we haven't done so often enough.

**Donald Ecker**

Information from Melvin Schuetz:

Donald Ecker's death on October 10, 1982 was especially tragic. To quote a report at the time: "His death resulted from head injuries caused by being beaten with a baseball bat during the course of a robbery at his Pasadena home." The year I was in BW, Mr. Bogdanchik made me Chorale Librarian, and I got to know Don very well as I was spending a lot of time in the Music Building. I still remember well a piano recital he gave, playing a number of selections from Claude Debussy's Préludes.

**Clarence Ted Gould**

Lecturer in Geography

Assistant College Bursar

**Charles Freeman Hunting** had died 2011, 11th November 2011. He was 92 years of age.

Information from Frederick Vanston:

"Charles F Hunting had just died. He was 92 years of age. I was summoned to his office on one occasion, and it was in the days where such a request had you thinking "what have I done wrong ??" Well, he welcomed me into his office, and handed me a new Duffel Coat which fitted perfectly. "I noticed that you do not have a coat" was all he said. It was the winter of '62-'63. What a wonderful, caring, human being !!!"

Information from Ken Murray:

"Ruth and i had the pleasure of catching up with him, when he traveled to Australia, in his late 70's. He, like his lovely wife, always seemed to have us students' best interests in his heart."

Information from Reginald Platt:

"Met up with Charles H. a year before he died in Florida ,He told me he was shot down in the Philippines by his own side."

Information from Garry de Jager:

"On the "shot down by own side", have a peek at the obituary we posted on the FB site "Charles Freeman Hunting"

**Mrs Veryle Lee Hunting**

1922-1974

First wife of Charles Hunting

**George Jacobs**

**Dennis Luker**

Prostate Cancer, 2013

**Dr Ernest Martin**

Here is an obituary for Dr. Ernest Martin.[http://www.thejournal.org/memorial/names/ernest-martin.html](http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.thejournal.org%2Fmemorial%2Fnames%2Fernest-martin.html&h=1AQE_YDdw&s=1)

Information from Melvin Schuetz:

"The obituary doesn't mention it, but I remember Dr. Martin telling stories of when he was an Air Force meteorologist -- stationed in Greenland!"

Information from Patricia Nelson:

"I remember Dr Martin fondly. He was a very good listener, always let me finish, then gave me wonderful advice! I enjoyed his class very much, just cannot remember now how to calculate "the molad of tishri" - heh, heh!"

Information from Robert Cloninger lovingly stated:

"What I recall about Dr. Martin is that I would sometimes corner him after class wanting to talk about ancient history or prophecy and he'd always seem to turn the topic around to the subject of faith. I'd think to myself, What is it with this guy. Let's get back to the important stuff." :)

**Dr Roy McCarthy** [More details needed please. What ENVOY Year? Year of death? Date of Birth? Other comments?]

**Sherwin McMichael**

**Raymond McNair**

**Mrs Margie Meredith**

(there for four years -- husband, Roderick Meredith)

**Dr Gordon Muir**

Diana Muir lives in Sydney. She is on FB. I have put several photos of them on this page... times when they visited us here in Queensland, in 1982, 1984 and 1990.

Information from Reginald Platt:

Dr Gordon Muir I believe Gordon died in the late 80.s in a car accident. Gordon whom I did not know too well.  Helped me out when I was out of work. He was very kind to me. I did pay him back., If you locate Jack Martin he could tell you more. They were very good friends.

Information from Peter Mark Butler:

Dr Gordon Muir was tragically killed in a freeway accident in 2002 (I believe). As ever he was a campaigner for justice and was travelling to give support to someone caught up in a court case - seamy problems and suspicion surrounding the accident! Gordon and Dianne never failed to visit us when they came to the UK. On one occasion they missed us because we had taken a trip to Dorset. On the way back we took our youngest daughter Susie to see Stonehenge. Then I said we might as well take in Winchester Cathedral. Walking around the Cathedral we recognised a voice - that's Dianne, I said. Sure enough Gordon and Dianne were visiting the Cathedral at the exact same time so we didn't miss their visit after all. Susie quipped "If the Ancient Britons hadn't built Stonehenge 3,000 years ago, we'd not have met up with Dianne and Gordon today". Does anyone know where Dianne lives now?

**Dick Paige**

**Mrs John Portune**

**Dr Benjamin Rea**

Information from Frank Brown:

"Dr Rea was Medic in WW2 I believe. He did have a great interest in medical matters and told me once he witnessed a road accident and asked to be let through the crowd as he was a doctor! Which he was .. a PhD. He helped with the woman who was injured until an ambulance arrived."

From Frederick Vanston:

"I was the Janitor for that area of the main building at the time. Dr Rea's Office was my responsibility, (as was Dr Martin's). After the intrusion by that news reporter, which I have no doubt sparked off the episode that Dr Rea suffered, leading to his death, it was my job to tidy and clean up his office. I can still see the "bloodstained swabs", (??), in the waste basket, even after all these years. Dr Rea was a very deep and caring person. I can remember him once at our Ambassador club actually breaking down in tears, because he was concerned that we were not trying hard enough. All we had to do was try. He too fought in World War Two, and I think sustained that piece of shrapnel, that dislodged under that pressure, and finally took it's toll. At least that is what we were told at the time. Now, if I am wrong, I would want to be corrected."

"I was given to understand that Dr Rea was a war vetern. I would suppose that could be checked. And that he had been wounded. And that some small piece of metal shrapnel was still lodged in his body. I am assuming that this may have been the cause of high blood pressure and / or hypertension. I was not at breakfast that morning. I just could not eat with that news. There were various forums and discussions on the issue, and that is my memory of what was mentioned. The waste basket in his office had swabs in it that had red stains on them. He may have cut himself as he collapsed on the office floor."

"As I see it to cause a death, willingly or not is manslaughter. If this happened today there would be consequences."

Information from Valerie Hoey:

"I remember that happening. Frank Brown announced Dr Rea's death in the dining room (not in Memorial Hall) to us all the next day, but was very calm about it himself."

Information from Ken Murray:

That is a very moving account, Fredrick, of your personal experience, surrounding the unusual circumstances of Dr Rea's death. I had never heard this story before. Thank you too Valerie, for pointing me to this description by Mr Herbert Armstrong, as he related the story, as he understood it at the time: " Dr. Benjamin L. Rea, B.Sc., Ph. D., Dean of the Faculty of Ambassador College and the voice of the Spanish language broadcast of The WORLD TOMORROW, heard over South and Central America, lies dead! He had developed a hypertension condition. His blood pressure was excessively high. Last autumn we had insisted he take a few months leave of absence and free himself completely from the stress and strain of his duties by taking complete rest in America. His condition had improved and he returned to his office at the College in January.

A certain "feature writer" in London had previously contacted me in Pasadena, California by long-distance telephone from London. I had talked to him freely, giving him what information he asked, except certain definite facts and figures I did not have available and was unable to give. Later an amazing story appeared. I was misquoted, in a manner of speech I do not use. The story was so slanted that many people could have drawn conclusions totally contrary to the facts, thus seriously and falsely discrediting Ambassador College.

Above I was just starting to tell you of the incident more than thirty-eight years ago, which drew me into Christ's ministry. It was a time when I was antagonistic to my wife's newly-embraced religious convictions. But, as I want to explain later, I did not leave her. I did not believe in breaking up families. I do not now. Instead, I began studying the Bible for the first time in my life, to prove whether she was wrong. I had fully expected to find she was wrong. I was dumbfounded to find, six months later, that she was right.

But now a certain wife, antagonistic against her husband's newly-embraced religious convictions — THE VERY SAME CONVICTIONS AGAINST WHICH I HAD BEEN HOSTILE THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO — contacted this feature writer. And without getting the true facts from us, another story appeared telling only the one side of the story, again so worded as to falsely discredit Ambassador College and this Work of God.

Later in this letter I will give you the TRUTH about all such insinuations. I had come to England to conclude a contract for construction of a new College building. This young writer appeared on the College grounds. He learned that I was there. But because of the manner in which my former conversation had been handled — as well as interviews previously with officials at the College, I refused to see him. Then it was reported to me that he had STALKED unceremoniously without warning or being announced into Dr. Rea's office.

Of course this young man undoubtedly knew nothing of Dr. Rea's hypertension condition. What was said I do not know — and now Dr. Rea's lips are forever sealed from telling us. What I do know is that a little later two of our painters were walking along in front of Memorial Hall — carrying a ladder, I believe — when this "feature writer" strode past them on his way out. They reported to me that he was in a rage, and rolling down his car window, shouted angrily at them to read his next story — saying that if we thought the last one was bad, just wait till we read the next one!

Our Librarian came to the entrance of Memorial Hall, found Dr. Rea with his head bowed, and starting to collapse. His last words in this life were "It was that man (naming the "feature writer") who did this to me."

The Librarian helped him back into his office. He collapsed on the floor. The Librarian called for help. Others rushed in, helped lift Dr. Rea to a couch in his office. The College nurse came quickly and a doctor was immediately called. Dr. Rea had suffered a serious stroke. He had lapsed into a coma. He could not talk.

He was carried on a stretcher to a first floor room which was immediately converted into a temporary hospital room. But at 2:40 the next morning he died.

This tragedy is a great loss to the Work of God. Dr. Rea was greatly beloved. Thousands grieve his loss. In the conviction that he was talking to a persecutor who would distort, or twist anything he might say against him and the College, Dr. Rea probably refused to talk to him or to be interviewed.

We do not accuse this "feature writer" of knowingly causing Dr. Rea's death. As stated above, he undoubtedly knew nothing of Dr. Rea's condition. He had been living with that condition for some years. He felt he was improved. But even though we place no blame in any way for this tragic death on the man who — even if coincidentally — triggered it, nevertheless this was the regrettable incident that did trigger it."

Information from Jacky Harrison:

Well I would like to add to the Dr.Rea story. I was a child at the time attending the Birmingham church where Dr.Rea was the much beloved pastor. I remember him saying that he had extremely high blood pressure and a doctor he saw did not know how he could still be walking around with it so high. I have always thought his hypertension was genetic in nature as it is in many cases.I remember hearing of the incident with the reporter and Dr.Rea's death shortly after. It reminds me of the well known quote from a famous doctor:"My life is in the hands of any rascal who chooses to annoy or tease me." ( Dr John Hunter, 1790.) This doctor was a brilliant surgeon well known in medical history, but he is remembered mostly for the accuracy with which he predicted his own death which occurred after an argument over a medical discovery.

I also remember Dr.Rea saying that he refused to take hypertensive medication. Before there was hypertensive medication the only treatment was bed rest.

Information from William Henry Wilson:

I can still see Dr. Rea wearing the first sombrero I had ever seen in my young life newly outta the spud field... I spotted him left of stage in the new dining hall one Talent Show Evening... every time I see a hat which casts a long shadow - hence the name 'sombrero' - I thiMk of Dr. Rea... and that's pretty often these days living in this Texas!

**Dr James H Stewart**

Assistant Bursar

Lecturer in Anatomy & Physiology, Biology & Hygiene

**Colin Donaldson Sutcliffe**

1926-2010 (84 years)

Information from Gillian Orchard:

Served in the Australian Navy towards the end of WW2. Moved to England with wife Pam and two young daughters in 1963 to attend AC Bricket Wood.

Left a successful 3,500 acre sheep and cattle "station" in New South Wales. Graduated from Big Sandy in 1967 and returned to Bricket Wood to duplicate the "Farm Program" in England.

He taught Agronomy and established an organic/sustainable agriculture enterprise that provided much of the food eaten by students and local church members.

When the College closed the Sutcliffes were sent to Scotland to pastor and then back to Australia. Later they were in New Zealand, but they were living in Sydney when Colin died unexpectedly of a heart problem in 2010 at age 84.

His wife Pam, of 64 years, is now living near San Francisco with their daughter Gillian and son in law Brian Orchard.

**Dr David Wainwright**

He died last year or in 2012 I believe.

Information from Rolfe Jones:

Yes you are correct Peter Hawkins he died in 2012 and Dad (Robin Jones) officiated at his funeral in Vacaville California It was indeed a sad day.

Information from Bernard Hongerloot:

Sarah Wainwright wrote to several of us: " We know that you will all share the sadness of the Wainwright family when we inform you that David Wainwright passed away peacefully, in his sleep, early Saturday morning, September 15, 2012. He was in his 77th year". Our sincere condolences to the family. David was a personal Friend and a man I loved and admired. We need more people like him.

Dr David Wainwright died of a lung problem I believe. (married Sarah Hanson). Lived in USA

**MINISTRY**

**Barry Bourne**

**STAFF**

**Donald Akham**

Plumber

**Fred Bishop**

Gardener

**Joan Bogdanchik**

**William A Bowden**

Estate manager

**Netta Brown**

Housekeeping & Faculty Dining

**Frank Burchell**

Gardener

**Wendy (King) Butcher**

Information from Joy London Colombé:

Today 2nd March 2014 is the 2nd Anniversary of the death of my very good friend and former College employee ( D.P.C.) Wendy (King) Butcher. She was ill with cancer for about 4 years prior to her death, but held on to her faith and wonderful sense of humour to the end. We had a lot of fun sharing a flat together during our time at B.W. and I treasure those memories.

**Walter Burnett**

Head Carpenter

**Eddie Canvin**

**Mr and Mrs Cardy**

Information from John X Evelyn Woolford

They used to work or were offered a very lucrative job for Walt Disney back in 1950's but turned it down to work at the college. I can't recall the specific job they did at the college so that will need filling in. They were looked up too by so many people and were like grandparents to me. Mr Cardy passed away in 1992 aged 98 while his wife passed away in 1993 aged 95 (may need correcting on their ages), they were real pillars to the church!!!

**John Carrol**

Gardener

**Stuart P Channon**

Transport Dept and AC Band, age 54

**Victor Cooper**

Supervisor Building Maintainence

**Robert Dunlop**

Gardener

**Margaret (Peg) Eastwell**

Information from Barbara Anne Eastwell:

Please include Margaret (Peg) Eastwell, born on 6 November, 1917, and dying on 21 November, 2007... aged 90 years, 2 weeks and 1 day. She worked in Housekeeping and Faculty Dining following my graduation in 1971. She returned to Australia in 1976.

**John Eggleston**

Carpenter and Security, 1999 aged 69

**David Finlay**

Head of the Paint Crew

David Finlay's first wife (he was Welsh -- later re-married David Wainwright's sister). Not a student.

**Mrs Val Foster**

Information from Joy London Colombé:

 Val Foster, wife of Stuart, and another of my good friends from B.W. Both of them worked at the Press in the early seventies. She died in Ireland at least 10 years ago when a horse leapt out in front of the car in which she was travelling. She was the mother of 4 youngish children and was 42 I think.

**Ernie George**

Security

**Mrs Pat Grantham**

Secretary, (Mr McNair)

**Lawrence Harlington**

Information from Rolfe Jones:

Lawrence Harlington  passed away a couple years ago.

He was a Jew by heritage and by faith and was all his life.

Dad (Robin Jones), along with some others that knew him well for many years went to his funeral service at the synagogue that Lawrence was affiliated with. Dad informed that Rod King was also in attendance.

Lawrence was Mr Herbert Armstrong's driver of the AC Rolls Royce.

**Heinz Hoffman**

College barber extraordinaire. Friend and counsellor of many a student. Died after being knocked off his motor bike around 1975, aged 50yrs.

**Mrs Myrtle Horn**

Information from Rick van Pelt

Myrtle Horn was born in 1917 and died in 2008 (91 years)

The specific date for Mrs. Horn's death, it was February 29, 2008 in a nursing home in Pasadena.

Information from Peter Nathan:

Myrtle Horn was born in 1917 in Colorado, the middle child of three.  An elder brother and a sister Edie completed the family.  But it was a family that was to know sorrow and hardship.  Myrtle’s mother died in the great Asian flu epidemic a few years later, then, her father, a paymaster  for a mine in Colorado was killed in a payroll heist.  Her brother died as a result of a freak accident at school, leaving Myrtle and Edie as two young girls, ophaned and alone. They went from Colorado to live with an aunt in Sterling City, West Texas.

Such a start drew the two sisters uncharacteristically close to one another.  Edie had a problem with drinking milk, so Myrtle drank it for her so that it was never a problem.

Myrtle married a track supervisor on the railways and lived on site in a railway carriage for the first years of her marriage. Eventually they settled north of Tulsa, OK., where Myrtle opened a dress making shop. Edie had started to listen to a radio broadcast of Mr. Herbert Armstrong and tried to convince her sister of the correctness of what she was learning.  Myrtle set out to prove both her sister and Herbert Armstrong wrong!  The end result was that Myrtle attended the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread Festival in Big Sandy in 1953 and was baptised along with some 40 others in what became Lake Loma.  It was some years before Edie joined her in the new way of life. At that first feast Myrtle was befriended by Mrs Loma Armstrong, who a year or so later invited her to come to Pasadena and work in the College kitchen.

The 1960’s brought another dramatic change for Myrtle. When a campus was purchased in Bricket Wood, UK, she was chosen to be part of the staff and set up and operate the  kitchen and be Women’s Warden.  Unphased by a sea voyage across the Atlantic traveling first class on the *SS United States*, Myrtle then spent three weeks the next summer traveling through seven European countries establishing a pattern that became as much a trademark of her as her hearty greetings.  Thoughout the years in Britain. Mrs Horn was always taking groups of students on trips to various parts of the British Isles and Europe.  Her duties came to include that of Woman’s Guidance Counsellor, a position she occupied until the close of the campus in 1974.

Returning to Pasadena again, Mrs Horn was employed in Mr Armstrong’s home and acted as Womans Guidance Counsellor until the Pasadena campus was closed.  Her wanderlust took her to Big Sandy, then Phoenix before returning to the Los Angeles area in 2001.  During her time in Britian, Mrs Horn travelled widely throughtout Europe and Israel, most often taking a group of students with her.

She will always be remembered for her warm “howdy”!

Comment from Bill Pentecost:

Myrtle Horn: "developer of many young ladies. A very tough but very kind lady - who would let us on the tractor crew get packed lunches at the kitchen door as we didn't have time to clean up to go into the dining room. She helped many girls grow to be more mature women."

Information from Peter Mark Butler:

At Bricket Wood Myrtle Horn was without doubt addressed as MRS HORN with all the respect due to her. Glad to know she lived to a good age.

**Ronald Howes**

Shipping Dept

**Terry Humphries**

Information from Joy London Colombé:

Terry Humphries, a Welshman, who was a printer at the Press. He died a few years ago after being unwell for some time. My children 'adored' him and trips out with Uncle Terry were the highlight of many Feasts and are still remembered with great fondness.

**John Innes** (spelling)

Information from Ken Harper:

John worked in carpentry shop at Bricket Wood) Passed away after college closed. Originally from Buckie in Scotland. John married Betty Mears and returned to Buckie after the college closed.  He returned to teaching before becoming ill with cancer.  He died in 1979. He was my stepfather (Kath Lawson)

**Neil Jackson**

Transport and Shipping

**Herb Jones**

Architect

**Charlie Kemshell**

Transport Garage Foreman

**Albert Knight**

Buildings Maintenance

**Fred Lawson**

Information from Kath Lawson:

Fred Lawson was my Father-in-law. He died early May 2005 after suffering a stroke and broken hip. He used to be in charge of maintenance at the Press.

**David Lloyd**

Printing Press

**Dougie MacDonald**

Electrician

**William Marlborough**

Carpenter

**Mr and Mrs Mudford**

Gardener as was his wife. She later moved to the Mail Dept..

**Gustav Olson**

Farm Manager

**Horace Pooley**

Gardener

**Evelyn Robertson**

Kitchen Staff

Information from Rosemary Morton:

Thanks for mentioning Evelyn Robertson (my ex-mother-in-law) - she was a figure of some note in the kitchen for some years.

**Miss Mayme Scott**

Secretry to Messrs Hunting , Bergin and Gould. Quiet, lovely personality, efficient, and very humble.

Information from Peter Hawkins:

A dear Scottish lady when I worked in the Business Office who was Francis Bergin's secretary "Miss Scott". Can anyone add further details about her? She was amazingly efficient and coped with an incredible amount of work.

Information from Barbara Anne Eastwell:

She lived with two sisters in one of the units at Radlett. Mum and I, living in another block of flats in the same street, often went to their place to have a drop of brandy. They loved our visits... and so did we. Maymie came alive... and laughed. Mind you, I remember I deliberately made her laugh, because there was an underlying sadness in her. Mary, one of the sisters, was so different, not serious like Maymie. She had a twinkle in her eyes, was quite tiny. Maymie wore "serious" clothes... but Mary wore soft little dresses. The other sister, I can't recall her name... "was not quite present"... but certainly enjoyed our hugs.

**Mrs Seaton**

(helped in the kitchen)

**Peter Shallis**

Rose Gardener

**Howard Silcox**

Head of the Grounds Crew

**Mrs Barbara Joyce Silcox**

1922-1969

First wife of Howard Silcox

**Sally (Gilkes) Skeet**

Died 5th April 1989 – 37yrs

Information from Graeme Skeet:

Sally worked in the Gardening department & loved it, Howard Silcox her boss.

Sally was one of the crew doing everything around the campus on the gardens.

We were married August 31st 1975, moved to Australia Sept 77 & Sally died on April 5th, 1989 at age 37.

**Eleanor D. Suckling**

Born March 25, 1920 - Died May 7, 2012. 92yrs.

Worked at the College for 25 years on Reception/Switchboard.

**Alfred Symonds**

Night Watchman

**John Symonds**

Gardener

**Bill Templeman**

Information from John X Evelyn Woolford:

assistant to Mr Silcox snr within the gardening department. He always had an interesting to story to tell and was always very out going. He sadly passed away back in 2005-2006, the specific date may need looking into. He was 85 from what I can remember, may need clarification on that.

Information from Peter Beardsmore:

Bill Templeman was an amazing man. Any time I needed a co-driver for along haul trip like lorry and trailer to SEP Scotland, he was always willing. If I said we're starting at 4 am he would be waiting with his coat on and his sandwiches packed. When I left home and moved to Bricket Wood in 1966, Hope Cottage, the Templemans home became my second home. I couldn't count how many meals I had there. Bill was widowed and eventually couldn't look after himself and lived for some time in a carehome. He was always SO pleased to get visitors.

Information from Garry de Jager:

As I recall Bill Templeman was a WWII veteran serving in Nth Africa in the campaign against Field Marshall Rommel, along with the Aussie "Rats of Tobruk". He returned with life-long shell shock, which mercifully didn't stop him functioning. Just that every time there was a bang or car backfiring etc he would drop to the ground covering his head. That routine probably saved him during the war a few times.

Information from Peter Beardsmore:

Bill was a driver in the Royal Artillery and served in North Africa and the Invasion of Sicily and Italy. He drove tractors pulling big guns, but also drove a jeep ferrying officers from time to time. He remembers a big shell slamming into the ground a few feet away, which never exploded, and later thought he nust have been spared for a purpose.

Information from Brian Hickson:

I have pleasant memories of working with Bill Templeman. He was with a Medium artillery regiment- as was my father, who served in practically the same areas as Bill served, including Palestine. As I was also in the Royal Artillery- briefly- we had quite a lot in common.

**John Vickers**

Office Equipment, aged 57

Information from Peter Beardsmore:

I shared a flat with John Vickers in the late 60's before either of us were married. He had a terrific sense of humour and was quite likely to play a practical joke on you. After the College closed he became a bus driver. He lost his wife and then died of a heart condition. His younger sister Marion who went to Imperial School lives locally and is on FB

**Lieselotte Weighmann**

College Nurse

**Christian Zernichow**

Norwegian Translator

**STUDENTS & (Spouses)**

**Colin Adair**

Information from Rosemary Morton:

Colin Adair, died 15 November 1998, aged 61. (Confirmed by Margaret Sullivan Adair.)

Information from Frank Brown:

Colin Adair was Student Body President in 1966.

He died suddenly in Florida from leukaemia.

He was there as RD for the Caribbean area. He followed me as SBP and I subsequently followed him to Canada in 1990. His wife Margaret lives in San Diego I believe.

**Marian (nee Henderson) Alistoun**

Information from Peter Hawkins:

Hello Gillian Katz. Marian died 13th Nov 2010 after falling at her home after a visit to South Africa. Her son Neil is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nalistoun?fref=ts>

Information from Gillian Orchard

Is Marian Henderson from Johannesburg? I knew her.

Information from Peter Hawkins: Yes, she lived there Gillian. Her Dad and Mum came from Scotland, and her brother Ian Henderson went to AC too. He was a photographer with the Envoy etc.

Information from Peter Hawkins: Ian lives in England as far as I know with his wife Sheila

**Adrian Botha**

**Heather Bowden**

Heather Bowden was married to Peter Shenton and died from Multiple Sclerosis.

Information from Frank Brown:

"Frank Brown Heather Bowden died from Multiple Sclerosis. Not sure of the date.

Heather was one of the seven in the graduating class of 1965. A lovely courageous lady who died of MS as Valerie also mentioned. Peter asked me to conduct her funeral which I felt privileged to do.

Information from Valerie Hoey:

"Heather (Bowden) Shenton was Mr Bowden's daughter - he was in charge of the AC buildings - although he was not in the church his word carried as much weight as Mr Silcox or an evangelist in the church."

Information from Bill Pentecost:

"She was very much a part of Peter's ministry to Scaninavia and East Anglia although in a wheel chair. Now the memories flood back. I will try to include some pictures from Scandinavian Feasts in particular."

**Joyce Boyd**

(married Arthur Suckling)

**Chris Carpenter**

Bowel cancer 2012

**Christine (Price) Carter**

Information from Rosemary Morton:

Sheila (Hughes) was a bridesmaid at my first marriage in 1966. The other bridesmaid was Christine (Price) Carter who died some years ago after suffering a stroke as a result of a car accident.

**John Chirnside**

Information from Mrs Roslyn Chirnside

John passed away in Jan 2008 from a glioblastoma (grade 4, malignant brain tumour).  He was 59. He married Roslyn Laing in 1973. They had 3 children, Michael, Jaclyn & Dean. He started a highrise window cleaning business in the late 80's, based in Burleigh Heads in Queensland. Australia. After his death his 3 children successfully continued the running of the business. Roslyn still resides in Burleigh Heads.

**Patricia Clark**

Information from Jenny Bradford:

I remember Patricia (Clark ) Crouch, who married Keith Crouch and who died from breast cancer.

**James (Jim) Cleary**

Information from Frank Brown:

James Cleary a student in the class of 65. He went home during the summer, I think, to Newcastle where he died in a road accident. Dr Rea asked me to drive him there for the funeral with Ron Reedy and another person whose name I have forgotten. Ron and I drove Dr Rea's Rover 95 and we went there and back in the same day (up the A1 if you're interested!) and still stopped for dinner on the way back. Long day but Jim's parents were very appreciative.

**Bill Coupland**

 1936-1989

His sister Joy Coupland is married to Mike Barlow (believe still in GFI - WWCG)

**Scott Crawford**

**Robyn Davis**

Car accident DOUB,  Germany 1973

**Ben Day**

Information from Annette Weatherley-Forkun:

Ben Day - son of Fiona McLean Day & Peter.

**Rick Day**

(Spouse of Dawn Davies)

**Susan Dickinson**

Information from Mickie Pinckney:

Susan Dickinson, my roomy for a year and a very dear friend, died in the early 90's of a brain aneurysm. She was the oldest of Walter Dickinson's 5 children.

**Rob Elliott**

**Ozzie Engelbart**

Information from Tina Simin Engelbart:

Ozzie Engelbart died March 2000 as a result of a car accident.

Response from Bill Pentecost to Tina Simin Engelbart:

Ozzie was a very special person - one whose memory brings a smile to the face and a warmth to the heart.

**Eric Ernst**

Information from Mark Saddler:

Eric Ernst died from cancer (possibly from agent orange - he was youngest sgt to serve in "nam)

**David Fentress**

Died in car accident in early 1990's.

**Bob Fox**

Information from Jacky Harrison:

Bob Fox from my college year (1968) died in a car accident, leaving a wife and 2 children in the Vancouver area, BC. It was a single car accident and he went off the road while traveling a long distance, It was assumed he may have fallen asleep. Perhaps it is because we all traveled so much that we exposed ourselves to vehicle accidents.

**Stew' Gilchrist**

**Gary Hamilton**

Information from Candace Hamilton Bohonik:

"Peter Hawkins, thank you for remembering my brother, Gary Hamilton. He died in a motorcycle accident in 1974, leaving behind a very wonderful wife of only 16 months."

**Robert Douglas Harper** Born Feb 5th 1950. Died Oct 21st 2001. Aged 51yrs.  Graduated 1972.

Information from John X Evelyn Woolford:

 Bob Harper who very sadly died aged around 60 years of age. I'm not sure of the exact year he attended college. He was a talented violinist who also programmed computers making a very successful living for himself at the peak of his career. He sadly died of liver failure and he was a close friend of mine, we had many great chats in The Gate pub on Smug Oak Lane on those Sabbath afternoons!!!

Information from Thomas Harper:

 Bob died at the age of 51 in October 2001 shortly after being admitted to Wrexham Park hospital in Slough. He attended College from 1968 to 1972. In Jan 1969 he was transferred to Pasadena for training in computer programming and returned to Bricket Wood in June 1970 ready to help program the College's first IBM computer

**John Eric High**

Information from Pauline:

John and I were married in 1981. He attended AC in he 60s not sure the year, also working at college and AC press not sure of the details. He died on 4th September 2000 of cancer, at the age of 62. We had two children Stephen and Laura. I would also like to add how very brave he was in extreme pain and faithful in his beliefs to the end.

**David House**

**Jim Hricik** [More details needed please. What ENVOY Year? Year of death? Date of Birth? Other comments?]

**Robin (nee Sutcliffe) Hulme**

1949-1999  (49 years)

Information from Gillian Sutcliffe:

Robin graduated from Imperial School Pasadena in 1967, attended AC Pasadena and then Bricket Wood where she graduated in 1971.

She worked as receptionist and secretary to Ray Wright at the Press and married David Hulme in 1973.

She was the devoted mother of Mark, Kirsten and Scott and died of cancer at age 49.

**Deborah Johnson**

Car accident in Northern Territory, Australia - 1990's

**Joseph "Jo" Jones**

**Bob Justus**

Information from Patricia Nelson:

I am not sure what year he died yet (I will get that) but he died in Springdale, AR of malignant melanoma early 1980's I think

**Debbi (Mathieson) Klynsmith**

Wife of Bob Klynsmith tragically died two days ago. Debbi (Mathieson) Klynsmith had cancer.

**Fred Lawson Jr**

(brother of Margaret Lawson -- married to Mr Boraker) Died in Australia.

Information from Kath Lawson:

Fred died in Australia in 8 years ago around Easter time of a brain tumour.  He was married to Jennifer who survives him.  He had 2 children Mitchell and Kylie.

**Judy Lehmann**

**Salam Maidani** (sp?)

who I believe went down in a plane crash in the early seventies.

Information from Peter Gerald Nathan:

An account of the death of Judy, Salam and daughter, written by Chris Carpenter is available here:[http://tinyurl.com/kwwzmqm](http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fkwwzmqm&h=SAQGsOsR6&s=1" \t "_blank)

Information from Ruth Knasin:

I was just a child, but I believe we were told that they were returning home from taking their baby to meet his family, and were unfortunately on a flight that had a bomb aboard. Very sad.

Information from Fredrick Vanston:

Salam Maidani was from Bagdad, Iraq. But do not know to where the plane was flying.

Information from Valerie Hoey:

We had 2 "kurds" from Iraq at AC. That is, Kurdish people. One was Sadam who had a very friendly outgoing personality and the other boy was very quiet and reserved - you couldn't believe they were the same race, their personalities were so different.

Information from Bill Pentecost:

I think it was a Polish airline and they were returning to Iraq.

Information fromRosemary Morton

They were returning to Iraq where they lived. It was claimed to have been sabotage of some sort at the time. They had been at the Feast in UK immediately prior to that, probably Minehead.

Information from Peter Beardsmore:

Several of Salaam's overalls remained in Transport for years until the new grey uniform was adopted. I wore them as they were my size. I seem to remember that Salaam worked in Beireut and was returning after the festival and shortly afterwards war broke out in Beireut and he missed it all.

Information fromRick van Pelt:

From Wikipedia: Malév Flight 240 was a Tupolev Tu-154 tri-motor jetliner of Malév Hungarian Airlines, which was flying on the Budapest to Beirut regular route when it crashed near the Lebanese shoreline on 30 September 1975. All 50 passengers and 10 crew on board died. No official statement was ever made on the crash and its cause has never been publicly revealed.In recent years, rumors persist that the plane was shot down, either because it carried arms to some Arab group, or because it was supposed to carry the members of a PLO delegation (but in the end did not). Possible attackers include Israel or Syria.On September 27, 2007, György Szilvásy, then Minister of Civil Intelligence Services wrote in a letterto Róbert Répássy (Fidesz), member of the Hungarian Parliament, that the Hungarian Office of National Security produced a report on the crash in 2003. The report can be summarized as follows: There are no available original (secret service) documents concerning the case. The report remains top secret, for reasons not connected to the crash.On January 6, 2009 questions relating to this crash were put forward to the European Commission.

**Tim Maloney**

**Ted Mann**

Died from cancer too early.

Information from Peter Hawkins:

Thanks for mentioning Ted, Glen. I was looking for those not on the memorial page

Information from Ken Murray:

I was at Ted Mann’s bedside in the Perth hospital, before he died in 1986. Western Australia.

**Dan Martin**

**Barbara (Wilson) McNeese**

**Orlean Mills**

She went home to South Africa and died shortly afterwards from an illness.

**Darrel Muche**

was in the class of 1966

Information from Jenny Bradford:

He died 6 or 7 years ago while in Africa he became ill and died.

Information from Fredrick Vanston:

Darrell was in the freshman class of 1962-63, (1963 Envoy page 167). My class. Is that described as "The class of '66" ?

**Barbara Nestor**

Barbara Nestor who died.

Barbara was in our class beginning 1963 and Pat was a Pasadena transfer from class of 1962.

Information from Rosemary Morton:

Barbara was a lovely girl, class of 67, died some years ago. Younger sister of Carol, who was married to David Bedford.

**Ken Newman**

1930-2010

Information from Frank Brown:

I worked with Ken Newman at the Press while it was on Campus. I made the film, stripped it and Ken made the plates for printing. He was a hard working guy with a great sense of humour. He was married to the lovely Jill who became my amazing secretary when I returned to the area in 1976 and after the offices moved to Elstree House.

Information from Peter Beardsmore:

Ken & Jill Newman each had a small motorbike when I first knew them. I think they were a pair of either Honda or Suzuki 50cc in matching green.  Ken Newman played Hawaiian guitar beautifully. He also built the instrument himself. He came to the Children Centre where I worked and played to all the children a couple of years before he died

**Dave Odor**

Died 2004

Information from Margaret M. Halford:

He married Donna Shonyo. They were both at Bricket Wood and graduated the year I started I believe. So that would have been '69... Dave died but I do not know how or where. He and Donna were so wonderful to me in my first year...I so missed them when they left BW.

Information from Patricia Nelson:

I remember Dave Odor and Donna. Donna and I were good friends. They were both wonderful people. Garry de Jager should have their info as they were classmates of ours.

**Janice Steele Osgood**

Information from Jenny Bradford:

Janice died I think at the end of 2010 or early in 2011. Janice was living in Perth Western Australia and was in the graduating class of 66

Information from Frank Brown:

I worked with Janice in the Print Shop. I used the camera and she stripped the film. Nice girl with a good sense of humour.

**Wayne Parker** (spouse Beth Van Patten)

**Denis Pebworth**

Denis Pebworth who was assistant to Dr Rea in the Spanish work.

Denis was also a graduate of Oberlin University.

He and I (Frank Brown), became close friends in BW for the year or so he was there.

He was a gifted pianist, intelligent and well read. He was found dead in his garage in Pasadena and left a son and a daughter. Cause of death is unknown but could have been a brain embolism. Great guy!

**Kerry Pressley**

**Anita Preston**

(married Walter Rupp -- died 2.7.76 in Pasadena) Worked for Mr Hunting

**Victor Root**

Heart attack - 2011

**Lawson Price**

**Sharon Roesler**

(married to Frank Brown -- he lives in Vancouver)

**Ida Roveri** [More details needed please. What ENVOY Year? Year of death? Date of Birth? Other comments?]

**John Sanderson**

Died in the last few years

**John Ross Schroeder**

Died 8th March 2014.

Information from Rolfe Jones:

From David Fenney on behalf of UCG in the British Isles: It is with great sadness that I must share the news from Jan and the family that John Ross Schroeder died in the hospital at 4:30 this afternoon, Sabbath, March 8th. Cards and messages for Jan and the family may be sent to the British Isles office by e-mail to info@ucg.org.uk or by mail to: United Church of GodPO Box 705WATFORDWD19 6FZUnited Kingdomere is the official notice from UCG ( United Church of God)

Information from Ken Murray:

John Ross Schroeder passed away in hospital on 8th March 2014, after traveling back from serving in the Church in Ireland ...knocking his head from a fall and experiencing a stroke, leading to a coma.

John was a great inspiration to me, as well as many other people.

I loved having breakfasts with him on our United Church of God GCE's together ...and all the wonderfully stimulating chats we shared. Every breakfast he would have his Bible and his favourite newspapers ...as was his familiar custom.

I remember him recovering so well from his "dizzy spells", after anointing him at Bricket Wood in 2005. He was a giant of a contributor to explaining the truths of God, in clear logical and profound manner.

God used his given talents so well, as John dedicated his life humbly and faithfully, in service to our Saviour Jesus Christ and God our Father.

We will miss him sorely ...but i am so grateful that his excellent writings will live on, and help many more people for the years to come ...long after his passing away, this very sad day.

**Derek Seaman**

Died 2014 - Wife:  Yvonne Schafer Seaman

**Desmond Seaton**

(office manager and student)

**Wayne Shilkret** (spouse of Cindy Josephson)

**Steve Shinkle**

**Sally (Gilkes) Skeet**

Died 5th April 1989 – 37yrs

Information from Graeme Skeet:

Sally worked in the Gardening department & loved it, Howard Silcox her boss.

Sally was one of the crew doing everything around the campus on the gardens.

We were married August 31st 1975, moved to Australia Sept 77 & Sally died on April 5th, 1989 at age 37.

**Dave Smith** (spouse of Linda Moll Smith)

**Byron Smythe**

**Heidi Sonderegger**

Fritz Sonderegger's daughter Heidi.

**Marlene Stortz**

**Ted Tagg**

**John Trechak**

Died in 1999.

**Bruce Vance**

**Ryan Watkins**

Information from Bob Howell:

Ryan Watkins, age 57, and his wife, Wasana, were killed in an automobile accident in Thailand September 18, 2008. Their two daughters, ages six and three were at home at the time. A 7-day Buddhist funeral ceremony was conducted for the couple.

Ryan was the son of the late Ron and Pauline Gillet Watkins, and the grandson of Ross and Fern Sheffield Watkins. He was born October 10, 1950.

This information was found and verified by Bill Hubbell and is from the family site at [http://www.dickestel.com/watkins\_news.htm#words](http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dickestel.com%2Fwatkins_news.htm%23words&h=PAQGHp58f&s=1).

I remember enjoyable times spent with Bill and Ryan in Bricket Wood. Ryan was a good friend who loved life, motorcycles, and travel. The last time I saw him I believe he was riding a 10-speed across the US.

Information from Bill Hubell:

I would like to note that Ryan Watkins remained a follower of Jesus Christ. He had no choice in his funeral arrangements.

**Greg White**

Information from Ken Murray:

Greg White, from Australia, who was later made a paraplegic by being struck by a car, while helping a man who was injured in a ditch beside the road. Over ten years later Greg succumbed to his original injuries. A wonderful mate and fellow worker at Bricket Wood. Together with full steel pitchforks, we dug up the inside compacted trodden down lanes of the BW running track to help prepare it for our Annual College Athletics Day ...and make it more cushy to run upon. I knew Greg as a very fit young man, ready to take on the world! ...and he did, in his life after College in his marriage and the whole aspects of his life ...until that fateful injury day. Even then Greg soldiered on like a real trooper, without complaint.

**Ernest Williams**

**Barbara Wilson**

Information from Patricia Nelson:

"And Barbara Wilson."

**Laura Wright**

"I remember Laura's deep voice and laughter...very vibrant in her shy way" (Barbara Anne Eastwell)

Photos posted by Robert Cloninger to this group back in Nov 2009. Some of the earlier pictures on the site's timeline. One of my favorites of Laura was posted May 2010, taken while we were touring Europe, along with Bob Justus.

**James (Jim) Joseph Young**

James J Young (married Shirley Preston) He died 12.8.93

Information from Bill Pentecost:

A man I greatly admired, Jimmy Young, is also gone.

His widow Shirley (Preston) Young now lives near Maidstone.

"I received this from Shirley Young, nee Preston Jim (James Joseph Young) was born 17.3.1939 in Scotland and died 12.8.1993 from Parkinsons disease. He first heard Mr Armstrong on Radio Luxembourg and came down to London from Scotland in 1959 (I think) and worked with Ernest Martin in the office in London, before the College began. He was called up for the military but became an objector and when told by the Military Tribunal that he would have to work on the land for two years instead of military service, he asked if he could choose which piece of land he worked on, to which they agreed. Then since HWA had just bought B/W Jim went out there to work with Mr Silcox to help get the grounds ready. He graduated and married 28.6.1964 and went to work in the U.S.A.-----------------------------------------------Most of us thought we were busy at college - but Jim had to do 40hours work on the land as well as studies and his contributions to student life. I think I worked less than 20 hours a week and thought I had no time."

Information from Frank Brown

Shirley Young, Jimmy Young and Joe Jones were in the year before me, I enrolled in 1961 -- they in 1960. With Mike Bousfield. David Bedford was Student Body President that year.

Information from Stan Potratz:

Salaam and Ian (?) Henderson (S. Africa) patiently taught me how to take better photos and critiqued my often less than wonderful efforts while the agric. dept and the photo dept were beside one another in the stable block. The understanding they provided became a key building block to the agric. mail-order firm that my wife and I eventually developed here in the USA

Information from Bill Pentecost:

Jimmy Young was head of the Holland House, No.7 Smug Oak Lane, one of the houses in the lane by the college and he most kindly took a 17 year old boy under his wing - and helped me feel part of things - despite not knowing what anything was about.

Information from Winston Bothwell:

Jimmy was head of Holland House which was no 7 Smug Oak Lane; the "Bothy", later Imperial School was the domain of Reg Platt if my memory serves me correctly.

Thank you everyone for your very helpful contributions to our Bricket Wood Memoriam.

Warm regards to you all,

Ken Murray

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