

## Vale John Patrick Talbot

*5th September 1928 - 16th April 2019* 

John Patrick Talbot, born 05.09.28 in Tenterfield NSW to parents Ray and Madge Talbot. He had one sister, Betty. His father was a train driver and moved the family around different parts of NSW, finally settling in Sydney.

Growing up in the depression, Jack worked as a paperboy paying for his own school shoes and books.

He joined the NSW Fire Brigade in his early 20's. Jack often used to sleepwalk and on one occasion fully dressed himself in his uniform, walked down the front path before his mother heard the front door close and ran out to bring him back inside the house.

In 1958 he joined DCA Fire Service and was posted to Norfolk Island as Airport Fire Officer. He met Catherine Welsh and they married in 1961.

He was then posted to Canberra, where they had their 4 children, Tracey, Robert, Glen and Jason. It was when he first moved there he became one of Jehovah's Witnesses, his life time passion.

Years later Jack worked for CSIRO, he took an early retirement at 60. He later worked at the High Court of Australia as a tour guide.

In 1990 Jack, Cath moved back to Norfolk Island to nurse Cath's mother, they have lived here ever since.

Jack and his sister were taught to Tap Dance at a young age, he was very good at it and continued to Tap until about 10 years ago, the last occasion was at Ronnie and Marlene Nobbs, he loved Marlene's guava jelly and he knew she would give him a jar if he tapped for her.

He loved his children, they knew he was always there for them, often sending Cath back to Australia if they were sick or in need of help.

Jack loved the odd Bacardi or two with family and friends. The day before he passed away he asked Tracey to make sure she put a bottle in her bag and one in his to take to Sydney, that way Cath wouldn't have a heavy carry-on bag to lift, he was always looking out for her. He was a real gentleman and will be sadly missed.

The family of Jack would like to thank all the amazing Doctor's, nurses and St John ambulance.

Tardy, for driving the hearse, the grave diggers, the pall bearers, the wreath makers, police escort, Jodi and Milton. All the family and friends who travelled to Norfolk to farewell Jack, and of course the wonderful local community for their kind thoughts and generous support.



Due to family and community commitments involving a number of our permanent and relief staff, the Gas Centre Shop & Office will open for shortened or intermittent hours until Wednesday, 29th May 2019.

This applies only to our Shop and Office at 1 Cascade Road.

Gas deliveries will continue as usual, Monday-Friday and Saturday mornings. Gas orders can still be placed at any time, 24-hours, by phoning 22419 (the answer phone will take your message) or by e-mailing gaelene@nigas.nf

## **CHANGED TIMES**

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Opening 9:00am
- Closed : Wednesday, 22nd May 2019 CLOSED all day (School Sports Day)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays Opening 8:00am
- Closed : Saturday 11th, 18th & 25th May 2019 - CLOSED
  Intermittent closures if required (post, freight, etc.)

Please note - all of these changes apply only to our Shop and Office.



Normal Shop hours return Wednesday, 29th May 2019.

The Gas Centre ... 22419 (all-hours answering phone)