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**Roland Kinnear**

Roland Kinnear, born in Sydney on the 23rd of February 1930. Warmly known by all of us as 'Roly'.

A proud veteran, a mate and friend, a story teller, a father, a husband and a man of God. The Roly we know was witty, warm, and always respectful.

Roly grew up around Brewarrina, joining the Army

as a young man in the early 50's, he honored and served his country in the war in Korea. He met his darling Aileen while in the army and they went on to have 3 children - Jeffrey, Peter and Joanne.

After his service to the Australian Military, he was based in Forster. Roly settled in to a new life. He humbly worked on the council being arguably the best street sweeper that Forster has ever seen. He ran a local pub, he played exceptional golf and captained Forster Golf Club for many years. He was a member of the Forster RSL Club & Sub Branch and was heavily involved in the cadet units.

As years went on, Roly now spent his days beside Aileen while she was being cared for in a home. Luck was on my side when I met Roly and was soon to learn that he lived next door. We looked after each other. I kept him fed, he kept me watered. It soon become second nature that we were there for each other and I always knew I had someone looking out for me - and me for him. I don't think either of us realized at the start what a turning point in our lives this would turn out to be.

There were plenty a laughable moments and nothing was ever boring. I've seen with my own eyes Roly at 86 years old scour my 6ft fence to collect his treasured belongings from a bushfire threatening his house - his first idea was to grab us a rum can from the fridge and hope for the best. The can trick worked, we were all safe in the end.

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### ***Roland Kinnear - continued***

When I met Roly, the first thing I learned of him was not only his love and devotion to his wife, but also his love and pining for Norfolk Island. Roly told me he had found paradise and that he would one day live there. Since the mid 80's, Roly had been frequenting Norfolk Island bringing herds of golfers over and groups to attend Kapyong Day and ANZAC Day ceremonies on the island.

After a tag along trip with Roly for ANZAC week, Of course, there was another person that fell in love with the island. As fate would have it, Roly was able to live his dream and he moved to his paradise in 2018 - at the eager and fresh age of 88 years old. His soul was now happy and his heart belonged with us all here. His love for golf sent him many a time to the golf club.

He was a respected member of the Norfolk Island RSL and Sub Branch being the Cadet Liaison Officer. Army Cadets were his pride and joy and his commitment to his role was so important to him in his last few weeks with us, with instructions being made while he was in hospital.

Roly was an Executive of the Korea War Veterans' Assoc Recognition Committee and he had arranged a special award and gift from the KWVA(RC). This award will proceed which was to be presented on the 13th November 2019 and his absence will be sorely missed.

Roly found Norfolk Island because during the Korean War he served with other Norfolk Islanders. He served with Ronald McCoy in Korea, and when Ronald was killed in action on the 27th July 1953 the day before the end of the Korean War, Roly made a pledge that he will visit Norfolk Island. And in his

words, to check out what Ronald and others had told him about Norfolk.

Roly and the KWVA(RC) awarded NI Korea War veterans' the Graywood medal for Fred Snell and George Quintal who were injured in war and at the same time they funded the Korean War monument located in the front yard of the NI RSL Sub Branch club.

His love for Norfolk Island, his pride of service, his adoration for his family and friends, all were shining through in his last times with us, even in his frail state he had so much love, wisdom and kindness to give.

I, along with all of us here today, will forever miss this man. For the things he had taught us all - to always be kind, to help and accept help, to stand tall and speak strong, to forgive, to love, to be proud of who you are, and that you can do anything in life no matter what your age, as a happy soul is the most paramount thing. Roly leaves us knowing he was loved, he was content, and he welcomed his crossing to God like everything else - a loving friend.

Rest easy digger, your duty is done. We will remember him.

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## **In Memorium Robin Mark Smith**

*March 1955 - 4th of November 1989*  
Sadly missed by the Smith families

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