



James Alexander (Sandy) Davey (46-47)

Sandy Davey died in February following a stroke. Born in 1931, the son of Samuel, a marine engineer with Elder and Fyffes, and Mabel, the daughter of the owner of the Mount Stewart Hotel, adjacent to Cardiff Docks, he joined Conway after attending Cardiff High School. He liked life there, doing well in Navigation Skills, and was awarded First in Seamanship in his class in his first year. He enjoyed recounting he was Junior Cadet Captain in charge of the tuck shop! Other memories included cold showers and early morning runs with the Outward Bound sea school.

Sandy joined Blue Funnel in 1948, sailing to Australia with Bill Henry (42-43). After four more Blue Funnel years, two as midshipman and two as 4th Mate, and getting his 2nd Mate's certificate, he joined Furness Withy, sailing with it and Prince Line to the United States and the Mediterranean.

After leaving the MN in 1953, he spent his National Service in the RAF in an Exeter recruiting office, rising to the rank of Corporal. After training as a chartered accountant, he joined a London chartered accountancy firm, becoming a partner in 1966. During training, he won a national prize for Executorship. In 1975, he set up his own practice on the South Coast, dealing with tax and trust matters. Before retiring in 1991, he amalgamated with a larger firm but continued for ten more years as consultant on trust affairs.

Sandy was married twice; firstly to Pat from 1956 to 1975, and then to Catherine from 1984. He had two children, Nicholas and Jane, and three grandsons. In the early 1970s, Sandy organised two OC dinners in London. Sandy's funeral service stressed the Conway motto *Quit ye like men, be strong* - exactly how Sandy lived and died. He was an individualist, both a gentle man and a gentleman, with a lovely smile and a wicked wit. He is deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Michael Tovey Twitill (41-43)

After leaving Conway, Michael joined the RN. After training at Greenwich Royal Nautical College, he was appointed midshipman to HMS *Birmingham*, 10,000 ton County Class Cruiser. In early 1944, *Birmingham* was torpedoed in the Mediterranean and limped into Alexandria for repairs. Michael left the *Birmingham* at Alexandria and served in the Far East on minesweeping operations until the end of the war. On leaving the RN, he joined the MN, serving on Anglo Saxon tankers for three years, before joining Elders and Fyffes as 1st Mate, later obtaining his Extra Master's Ticket. In 1953, he became an officer in the RAF Marine branch where he served in Hong Kong, Aden, Malta, Hull and Holyhead. He retired in 1981 as Squadron Leader as Head of the Marine Reserve operation at Holyhead.

Michael died in April and is survived by wife, Patsie, daughter Tina and sons Martin and David.