



William (Bill) P Hussell (40-42)

Bill died in December, aged 86, having spent his last four months in hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pat, to whom he was married for 65 years, two children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Born in Port Talbot, South Wales, he was educated at Duffryn Grammar School, later joining Conway. He absolutely loved his time there and what he learned guided him throughout his life. After leaving Conway, he served on HMS *Derg* in World War II, seeing action in South Africa and the Middle East. He left the Navy in 1946 and spent his working life with British Steel. Apart from his time at sea, he lived in Port Talbot where he became a Justice of the Peace, which he very much enjoyed.

Capt David L G James RN (41-42)

David Lloyd Griffith James was born in Rio de Janeiro and educated at Conway. When not there, he stayed with family in Newton Ferrers, which became his home. David had five great passions - Wales, the sea, the air, sport and his family. He was obsessive about his Welsh ancestry and Welsh rugby, relishing every opportunity to practise his Welshness! After leaving Conway, David joined the Royal Navy. Deciding he'd rather die in the air than the sea, he chose the Fleet Air Arm, gaining his wings in 1943, even before passing his driving test. He flew many aircraft, such as Fireflies, Gannets and Barracudas, when he commanded 719 Squadron. Despite the dangers of the tiny flight decks of aircraft carriers and the Korean war, he had a charmed life, even though he took his aircraft over the side of HMS *Theseus* and set fire to himself in HMS *Bulwark*. Before retiring aged 52, he commanded the destroyer HMS *Barrosa* and was appointed Naval Attaché to Portugal and Peru. In 1952, he married Helen, a Wren, and they were blessed with three children, two of whom have given David wonderful grandchildren; one is a Lt RN and has David's sword. They spent much time in Newton Ferrers, giving David the chance to show his boat-handling, fishing and shrimping skills and also his lack of resistance to children's minor infections. His great sporting loves were rugby, golf, fishing and tennis. An avid fisher of trout, mackerel and bass and a passionate follower of all sports on TV, he always provided a ball by ball commentary, often to the annoyance of other listeners who preferred to hear the official version! He enjoyed spirited games of chess, canasta and boggle. So we say farewell to a generous, loquacious, gregarious, likeable, truly reliable constant friend who was, above all, a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Thanks to Derek Parfect (42-44)