



Obituaries

Moving to Australia gave George a new lease of life. He settled in Shoalhaven Heads, then met Isabel who was his dearest companion for almost 20 years. They enjoyed a very good life together at Kangaroo Valley. They travelled, played bridge - well, George 'tried' to play bridge - and remained involved in Probus, Children's Medical Research Institute and the Conway Club. They also maintained Isabel's five-acre property at Beaumont and kept up to date with family and friends.

Five years ago, George's health began to decline, along with his rapidly failing eyesight and hearing, although he remained mentally alert. He survived major surgery, only to develop leukaemia last year. But he stayed positive. His greatest goal was to reach 100 and get that letter from the Queen. The letter came, along with one from the Prime Minister and another from the Governor General but sadly George did not live long enough to receive them officially.

What an amazing life George had! Over his 99, almost 100 years, he experienced everything from German Zeppelins to modern jet planes and everything in between. What a remarkable old man, what a remarkable life.

George was Australia's Senior Hand and died in January, 9 days before his 100th birthday.



William (Bill) Martin Redfern JP (65-66)

Bill's early career, after Conway, was as a Deck Officer with Shaw Savill Line with whom he regularly sailed to the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. As the Merchant Fleet contracted, he was persuaded to join the family firm of S Redfern & Co Ltd, rubber manufacturers. Here he rose to be Managing Director, a post he held until his retirement in 2011.

In 1984, he married Joy. They lived in Bramhall where their son Max was born in 1987. Sadly the marriage didn't last and Bill moved to Didsbury. His major hobbies outside of work were his magistrate's work and his commitment to Rotary where he was active on several committees. He was Assistant Club Secretary from 1998 to 2001. His main interest for many years was the International Committee where most recently he was Secretary. A dedicated Rotarian, he will be sadly missed.

John Ivor Jones (48-49)

We are very sorry to report we have just learned of the death of John Ivor Jones who was Secretary of the Club in Western Australia. We hope to carry a full obituary in the next edition of *The Cadet*.