

ROLAND HARVEY NICHOLSON

7th April 1948 – 17th October 2016

Founder member Graham House 1962

Roland was born in Marquard OFS and attended St. Andrews Prep and College, leaving in 1964. Roland spent a year at the Naval Gymnasium in Simonstown on conscripted service, then went on to Cedara Agricultural College in Natal where he studied a Diploma in Agriculture before returning to the family farm 'Flora' at Marquard OFS.

In 1970 Roland moved to Melbourne, Australia, to join his brother, Ava there. He took a 'Heavy Duty' driving licence and began working as a 'truckie' driving big 'rigs' between Melbourne and Adelaide. Later he joined Muir Bros, Suppliers to Horticultural and Orchardist producers in Melbourne....where he worked in various capacities for 33 years until his retirement in 2012.

Roland met Monika Reichelt and married her in 1973. They lived in St. Albans, Melbourne where they brought up two daughters, Rachel and Jennifer. Roland suffered the ravages of cancer treatment for 6 years with courage and dignity, until his passing in 2016.

He was much loved by family and many friends, and is survived by Monika, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Roland was a staunch member of Parents School Committees, his local Anglican Church (as a Synod Representative for his church for many years); the Transport Workers Union (TWU Representative for many years); and the North Melbourne AFL Football Club, the Kangaroos.

Roland was a very active member of his local community.