

Geoffrey Edmund Brown (Espin 1946 - 1949)

Geoffrey Edmund Brown born 7th August, 1932, died 23rd December, 2010. Geoff grew up in Johannesburg, attended Ridge Primary and then St, Andrews College from 1945 to 1949 where he played 1st team tennis and was a school prefect. He married Barbara Leighton in 1956 and they had two sons, Roger and Craig who both went to College and a daughter Jeanné who qualified as a teacher and now lives in Auckland with her family. His father Albert Brown also went to College and they were all in Espin House. Geoff was a very enthusiastic Old Andean and attended his 50th year after matric in 1999. He joined Border Tin and Steel in East London in 1951 and retired from this firm in 1993 as Managing Director and under his astute business sense the company grew from one small factory to five flourishing factories when he retired. After their marriage, Geoff and Barbara spent a year in England where Geoff went to buy machinery for the company and gain experience in its application.

Geoff played Inter-provincial squash and later in the veteran teams and also played 1st league tennis for Cambridge and veterans for East London. He was very active in Round Table and was the Chairman in 1972 and through these activities he had a wide circle of friends and was admired for his integrity and ability in whatever he undertook. When he retired he restored a 1950 MGTD, a 1958 Citroen Light 15 and a 1938 Fiat 1100 all to Concourse standard and the MG and Citroen both won "Car of the Show". Geoff and Barbara used these two for many Milligan and other rallies. Over the years he collected 37 clocks which he restored to his usual high standard.

Geoff and Barbara were able to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with most of their family and lots of friends. Sadly just over 4 years later Geoff died of lung cancer but until then had been healthy and lived a full and very active life. He is greatly missed by his family and many friends.