

John Howard Williams (Mu 1943 – 1946)

John died suddenly in Cape Town on 20th September 2013.

An old Wetpups boy, John went on to UCT to study commerce.

He soon realised that the course wasn't for him, and enrolled at the School of Architecture where his talent was soon evident, and he graduated with an Honours degree.

Like many young architects at the time he went to work in London successively with two distinguished practices, with interesting projects abroad such as the Malta Opera House and schools and public buildings in Nigeria where he and his wife Marjorie (nee Lawton) lived in 1957-8.

They and their son and daughter returned to Cape Town in 1959, where he spent most of his successful career with partners Neville Louw.

He soon established a successful practice in the city, and was involved in a wide range of projects, all marked by his meticulous attention to detail. He was later joined in his partnership by Malcolm Pearce (U 1951-1955). He retired in 2010

John died on 20 September 2013, shortly after his 84th birthday. He is survived by his wife Marjory, twins Nicholas and Andrea (Grinstead) and six grandchildren, to all of whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Friends after his death said 'He did St Andrew's proud'.

By Malcolm Pearce & Randolph Vigne