

JOHN ANTHONY REGINALD WARREN

Merriman House – 1943 - 1947

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John was born in Kimberley on 10 May 1929 to Doris and Bill Warren. His father was Chief Engineer for SA Railways and Harbours.

He attended Western Province Preparatory School and thereafter St Andrews College.

He was head of Merriman House and often spoke fondly about his housemaster, Charles Fortune the renowned cricket commentator.

He was a keen sportsman. He particularly loved rugby, playing at scrum-half for the college first team. He later went on to play for Natal University as vice-captain and also for Natal.

His fondest memory of school was the Sunday ritual of brewing coffee on an open fire to be consumed with a whole can of condensed milk with his friends.

He obtained a BSc in agriculture at Natal University where he met his wife Joan.

Having travelled abroad for two years, he returned to marry Joan and they settled on a dairy farm in Balgowan, Natal. He remained in dairy farming in the Karkloof, near Howick for the rest of his life and his legacy continues with his son Grant, who uses the milk from their dairy to make the La Petite France range of cheese.

His two daughters live abroad in the UK and Perth, Australia and he was the proud grandfather of 7 grandsons who all adored him.

Everybody who knew him was touched by his warmth and empathy and was uplifted by his humour and quick wit.

