

Graham William Barron

15/6/1939 – 3/5/2019

Graham attended Aberdeen Grammar School from 1943 – 1955, following on to complete an apprenticeship in Marine Engineering. After stints at several roles including building the original Cairngorm Ski lift, Graham then signed up for the Merchant Navy Blue Funnel Line in 1962, and worked there for a further 12 years.

Graham married Eileen Davidson in 1964, with son Graham born in 1967. After leaving the Blue Funnel Line, Graham worked in several engineering roles across Aberdeen including off shore. At the same time, he toured the country with his own Motocross team, for whom son Graham was the star racer.

After the sad passing of Eileen, Graham married Catherine Gibb in 1990, with Alasdair and Stephen following in 1991 and 1992. Graham continued to work in project management/engineering troubleshooting roles across the world before early retirement in 1998 due to ill-health.

Following retirement, Graham became involved in local club rugby, first at Mackie Academy FPRFC and notably from 2005 at Aberdeen Grammar Rugby, eventually becoming 1st team manager and ultimately President, from 2014 to 2018. He represented the club on various Caledonia Committees and was a well known and respected figure at grounds across Scotland.

His role at Aberdeen Grammar led to reconnection with former classmates, and Graham joined the '57 Club' where he spent many happy hours reminiscing.

In 2016, Graham was delighted to discover that he had a daughter, Marjory, living in Australia. Graham was fortunate enough to visit his family in Australia twice, and get to know his daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ill health caught up with Graham once again, pulling away from his role at Aberdeen Grammar Rugby in 2017, although he remained a significant influence on the club.

On 3rd May 2019, Graham passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He will be sorely missed.