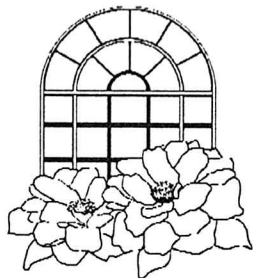


"To live on in the hearts of those that are left behind, is not to die."

Thank You

The family wish to thank you for the love and support that you have demonstrated by your attendance here today.



The Sportsman's Prayer

If I should win, let it be by my code
With my faith and my honour held high
But if I should lose
Let me stand by the road
And cheer as the winners go by.



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PHIL HAWTHORNE

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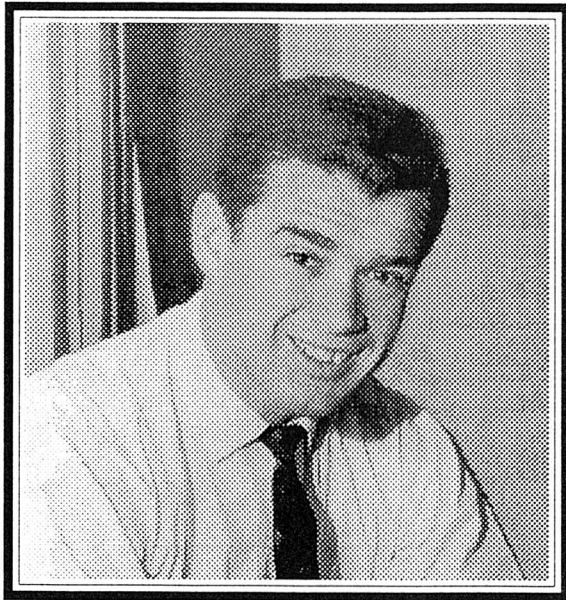


Weep for me,
But do not make an ocean
Of your tears.
Be sad when I am gone,
But let not your sadness
Be a heavy burden ...

Remember the good times,
The laughs,
The cuddles,
The times when I achieved;
The moments when you
forgave me, and I knew ...

And when anniversaries
arrive, celebrate with me
my living, not my dying ...

George Stuart



Phil Hawthorne

Phil was born in Newcastle on the 24th October, 1943. He was the son of Frank "Hank" Hawthorne (a former NSW representative league player) and Doris Hawthorne.

Educated at Hamilton South Primary from which he represented Newcastle in rugby league and cricket, he went on to Newcastle Boys High School. While there he played cricket with the First XI, represented the school in swimming, diving and tennis and was instrumental in Newcastle Boy's High winning the coveted rugby league trophy, "The University Shield", as full back in 1959 and as five-eight in 1960.

On Frank's suggestion, after completing high school Phil joined the Wanderers Rugby Union Club in 1961. After two reserve grade games he was promoted to 1st grade and just weeks later he played for Newcastle against the touring Fijians.

In 1962 Phil went from playing for NSW Country to being selected in the Australian Rugby Union team to tour New Zealand and all this while still at the age of 18 years. It wasn't hard to predict a

great future for such a talented sportsman. As coach and commentator Alan Jones had remarked, he was the type of player who could do something with his hands and something with his legs at the same time, and such a player is very rare.

Phil's reputation grew; from 1963 to 1967 he was selected in 22 consecutive Rugby Union Tests and on only one occasion was he forced to miss a test due to injury.

In 1968 Phil accepted an offer to play rugby league for St. George and he remained with that club until the end of the 1971 season. During those years he not only captained the club side but he also went on to captain Australia in the 1970 Tests against Great Britain.

In 1972 he played a season with Eastern Suburbs and in that year Easts were defeated by Manly in the Grand Final.

In 1973 Phil moved to Coff's Harbour to Captain Coach the local rugby league club and after two successful years he retired from serious sport. Phil then turned his talents to touch football, becoming a prominent touch administrator and a member of the National Technical Panel of the Australian Touch Association.

Phil not only majored in sport, he was also a qualified accountant and a licensed Real Estate Agent. He lived and worked in Coff's Harbour until mid 1991 when he accepted a position with a local Real Estate Agent to return to Newcastle.

While back in Newcastle, Phil took up the position of Club Coach with his beloved Wanderers Rugby Club and once again he was in his element of being able to pass on his sporting skill to others.

Phil was always one to keep fit, he enjoyed playing in the Golden Oldies rugby festivals and sadly it was during such a game in Perth in 1991 that he realised he had an illness.

For the last three years Phil has fought leukaemia with the same grit and courage he showed on the football field. He has been an inspiration to many, not the least to Sue Burey, his constant companion and supporter and to his children Melissa, Mark, Adam and Scott.

Phil will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Service - Christ Church Cathedral, Church St. Newcastle
Conducted by The Very Reverend G.R. Lawrence
(Dean of Newcastle)