



John Fraser Ainsworth was born in Melbourne on 12 September 1947 and completed his secondary schooling at Belmont High School in Geelong. Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman he was employed as a Rate Collector with the Shire of Barrabool. On graduation from OTU with Class 2/67 John was allocated to the AACC and posted to the RAASC School at Puckapunyal for Corps Training. On the completion of his NS, John joined the AR and served in RAASC and AACC appointments until he retired from the Army on 20 April 1987 with the rank of Major.

On retirement John worked in the hospitality industry at one time in a hotel in Creswick. John was well known and respected within the local Torquay community, having grown up there and settling back there in business after his 20 years in the Army. John established and ran the Torquay Taxi Service for a number of years and built and owned the Jan Juc pub. He was also very active in the local RSL and Surf Lifesaving Club. John passed away peacefully at the Epworth Hospital, Geelong on 21

September 2018 after a courageous long journey battling brain cancer since March 2013.

John was the loving husband and special working partner of Ingrid (dec.), loving father and father-in-law of Christopher and Cheyanne, and Mark and Danielle. Cherished Pa of Savi, Banjo, Narley and Coda.

Alistair Pope said that knew John well as he was Catering Officer in Vietnam when he was there, then was attached to his unit (for administration) in Perth for two years. The pair caught up again in 1984-86 in LOGCOMD in Melbourne and Alistair spent a weekend at John's place in Torquay. The pair socialised occasionally. "A top bloke, sad news!" John's funeral was held on Wednesday 26 September 2018, at Grovedale, near Geelong, prior to a private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of John may were made to Torquay Marine Rescue.

Class 2/67 was well represented at John's funeral with Ray Elder, Max Roger, Ian Kelly and Graeme Chester attending. Two of their Junior Class (3/67) in Ross Tucker (LTCOL Ret), who served on with John in the AACCC, and Brock Thomson, a Torquay local who knew John well, also attended.