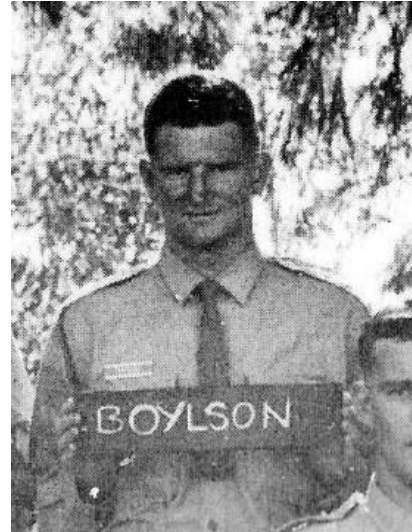


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**Brian James ‘Spike’ Boylson (1/68)** Bill Turner (2/68) and Neil Leckie 3/68)

5715602 Brian James Boylson was born at Subiaco, WA, on 9 February 1945 and completed his secondary schooling at St Louis Jesuit School, WA. He attended the University of WA and graduated as a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) in 1965. Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman, he was employed as a Part-time Tutor by the University of WA. He enlisted in the Army on 7 February 1968 and commenced Recruit Training at 2 RTB Puckapunyal. He then commenced OTU with Class 1/68 on 23 February. Whilst at OTU, he was appointed to the rank of Corporal.



On graduating from OTU on 19 July he was allocated to the Royal Australian Ordnance Corps and posted to the Department of Manning, Army Headquarters, Canberra before being posted to 3 Ordnance at Albert Park.

Brian ended up serving at Albert Park Barracks (AKA Possum Park) alongside classmates Tony Adler (RAEME) and Richard Baird (RAAOC) as well as Bill Turner (2/68 - RAAOC). The four became great friends.

While still in the Army – Boylson, Alder and Turner played footy for Pyramid Hill in the North Central Victorian Country Football League where Boylson (according to Turner) should have won the B & F in the

League, but as both Alder and Turner will say was not awarded because of ‘country critter jealousy’!

In 1970 Brian married Christine Lindsay, while later Tony married Catherine Jarvis, two South Australian Air Hostesses who once lived together in Melbourne. Turner was best man at Boylson’s wedding with Alder the first Groomsman.

Brian discharged from the Army at the end of his National Service. He was later awarded the Australian Defence Medal and the Anniversary of National Service Medal. Brian worked with Dennis and John Horgan at the Prindiville Group of Companies in Perth (tourism, hospitality and entertainment facilities and trading commodities – including steel). He then founded his own company Steelmet Pty Ltd. He worked on big contracts including the Indian Pacific Railway, which is all Boylson’s steel from India (Tata Steel) and a lot of pipelines up on the North West shelf (such as Woodside). He was a steel trader extraordinaire!

Alder, an Adelaidean, followed Boylson to Perth where Alder, a metallurgist, worked with BHP, eventually founding Alder taps – now the largest tap and bathroom fitting company in Australia.

Brian was a loving husband to Christine, a father to Justin, James, Peter, Benedict, David and Thomas. He was a father-in-law to Melissa, Anne Marie, Alana, Katherine and Nicola, and a grandfather to Jack, Sian, Annabelle, Paige, Patrick, Amelia, Samuel, Bailey, Sienna, Emerald, Jude, William, Willow and Max.

In recent years Brian was struck with Motor Neurone Disease. MND is a group of diseases in which these *neurones* fail to work normally. Muscles then gradually weaken and waste as *neurones* degenerate and die. **Brian** demonstrated courage and determination that has been a characteristic throughout his life. He passed away on 9 January 2019, aged 73. The pain and suffering are over.

Brian's funeral was held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Fremantle on Friday 18 January. The Church was packed with around 700 mourners with many Scheyville ties and badges were in evidence among them.

The sound of the bagpipes proceeded eight pipers droning the "Lament". They are followed by the six burly sons of Brian and Chris Boylson carrying Brian's coffin to the footsteps of the alter. OTUs Bill Turner (2/68) delivered the initial eulogy, while Tony Alder (1/68) delivers the second eulogy. They were followed by five of Brian's sons – mum Christine was proud of them. Like the Emu and the Kangaroo on Australia's Coat of Arms "There is no backward step in any of them!" Many of the Boylson boys have military training! A Requiem Mass followed then the pipers returned.

The coffin was picked up by the six sons and to the rhythm of the pipes is carried to the Hearse, thence Karrakatta cemetery where Brian was interred with his Mother, Father and sister. The mourners adjourned to Steve's Bar, near the WA University, a former haunt of Brian's, where a great wake was held without cognisance of the expense. It was agreed among the mourners that Brian Boylson's funeral had been properly executed.

**Funeral Notice:**

The Funeral Mass for Mr Brian Boylson will be celebrated in St Patrick's Basilica 47 Adelaide Street Fremantle commencing at 10:00 AM on FRIDAY 18/01/2019. The cortege will leave the church at the conclusion of Mass and arrive at the main entrance of KARRAKATTA Cemetery, Railway Road, Karrakatta at 12:00 PM for a Burial service. Vigil Prayers and Rosary will be recited in St Mary Star of the Sea 2 McNeil Street Peppermint Grove at 6:00 PM on THURSDAY 17/01/2019