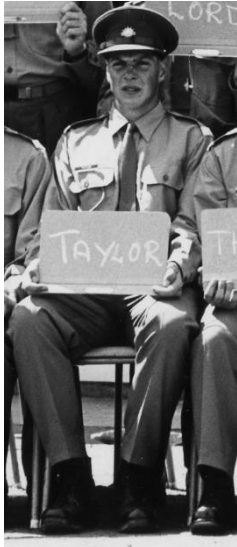


(John) David MacDonald Taylor (Ross Robbins, 2/69 and Dennis Townsend, 2/70)



Although he wasn't a Graduate, David Taylor has been a member of the OTU Association for many years. David was a regular attendee at the Tasmanian Lunches and had made several contributions to The Scheyvillian over the years and will be sadly missed.

David was with Class 4/66 but didn't make it through due to a football injury during the senior class. He completed the OTU theory but was unable to complete the field activities. David was posted to Armoured Corps and signed on to go to Vietnam with 3rd Cavalry Regiment as a Temporary Corporal. He arrived 'in country' on 9th September 1968 and some weeks later his APC hit a land mine. David suffered considerable injury and was 'Returned to Australia' on 16th December 1968.

David received a double lung transplant in 2010. The Scheyvillian 3 of 2014 reported David's activities at the Australian Transplant Games where David competed in his second games (squash, tennis, badminton, volleyball, athletics, swimming, pentanque (French version of bocce), 10 pin bowling and darts – all in one week!)

David's lung function was deteriorating rapidly in recent months. He advised Ross Robbins at the end of January that he doubted that he would make the April Tasmanian lunch. His prophesy proved correct and he passed away on 12 March 2016.

David's funeral was held at the Launceston Church Grammar School Chapel, Mowbray, on 17 March.

Ross and Jane Robbins along with Dennis and Annie Townsend attended David's funeral representing the OTU Association Tasmania Chapter. David always looked back at his achievements at OTU and during his time with The Army with pride and his family was pleased to see representation from that period of his life. The Georgetown RSL was well represented as well as a few other ex-servicemen in attendance.



It was a large funeral held at his old school with representation from his various interests present.

Angus Waugh, a mate from his Vietnam unit, amongst others, delivered a Eulogy. Annie Taylor was very composed and his daughters Diana and Fiona and step-daughters Myfanwy and Megan all made a great and heartfelt contribution. David also left behind seven grandchildren. His coffin was draped in Grammar School colours, his medals and Armoured Corps beret. A bugler played The Last Post and The Rouse bringing the service to a conclusion.

He will be missed. Lest we Forget. Rosco R.