

**Leslie Alfred Maike** was born at Newcastle, NSW, on 2 January 1945 and completed his secondary education at All Souls School, Charters Towers (Qld). Before entering OTU, as an Air Cadet, also with Class 1/67, on 17 February 1967 Les was serving in the RAAF as a Leading Aircraftsman. On graduation on 14 July 1967 Les was allocated to the RAAC and with Jim Mayhew was posted to 2 RTB Puckapunyal to await his Basic Flying Training School training at RAAF Point Cook. Les commenced his Basic Flying Training School with Course 67 (1968) and graduated to the Advanced Flying Training Course 15/68 at RAAF Amberley. On completion of flying training Les was posted to 1 Aviation Regiment on 6 July 1968. After a flying 'incident' Les left the Army on 5 December 1969.



Post Army Les flew for a few companies and eventually moved to Canada. Cancer struck in 2001 and he fought it bravely for over four years. He died in February 2005. He left behind his wife Kathy, daughters Anna (Tim), grandchildren, Hannah, Chloe, and Gabriel, Meghan (Matt), and stepchildren, Tiffany (Patrick), grandchildren, Julien and Kameron; and many, many friends.