

## Vale Martin Vincent (20 June 1950 – 30 October 1996)



**Martin William James Vincent** was born on 20 June 1950 in Caulfield, Victoria and applied in 1971 for entry into the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, Martin, along with 36 other applicants from his class, was allocated to the newly-raised wing of OCS at the National Service officer training establishment, the Officer Training Unit (OTU), located at Scheyville near Windsor in NSW. He commenced officer training at Scheyville in early February 1972. Martin was a member of 1 Platoon, Bridges Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets until early October 1972 when he was moved to 8 Platoon, Blamey Company and promoted to Corporal for the final three months of the course.

Martin graduated into AAAvn on 16 December 1972 and was temporarily seconded to RAAC for 18 months to gain regimental experience as a junior officer. Upon his return to AAAvn, he attended the Basic Flying Training School as a member of Course 19 of 1974 and the following year completed his Advanced Flying Training on the 2 of 1975 Advanced Course (Fixed Wing). Martin's postings during his 24-year Army career alternated between Staff and Regimental appointments that included 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment, 173<sup>rd</sup> General Support Squadron, Oakey and Logistics Branch and the Directorate of Army Aviation in Army Headquarters, Canberra. His final appointment before being medically discharged from the army was as Second-in-Command of the ADF Helicopter School at Fairbairn.

Martin died in Canberra following a long battle with Multiple Myeloma on 30 October 1996 and is survived by his wife Lesley and two sons, Douglas and Matthew.