

Daniel Nolan McDaniel was born in Perth, WA, on 23 June 1947 and completed his secondary schooling at Hale School, WA.

Before volunteering for National Service Dan was employed as a clerk in the Bank of New South Wales. Dan graduated from OTU on 11 April 1968 with Class 4/67 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and posted to the 1st Battalion, Pacific Islands Regiment in PNG. Dan took a Short Service Commission. He was posted to 4 RAR (ANZAC) in Vietnam where he served seven months, during which time he was wounded during Operation Ivanhoe. He returned to Australia with 4 RAR, the last Australian battalion out of Vietnam. Among other units, Dan served with the SAS where his most notable achievement was his raising of the first counter-terrorist squadron in the SASR. Having served 23 years, he retired from the Army on 23 June 1997 with the rank of Lt Col. Following his military service, among other pursuits, he worked as a consultant in Perth, Chief Executive Officer of the WA Rock Lobster Fishers' Federation and a hotelier in Albany!

Dan loved Rugby Union and in particular Associates Rugby Club, where he was the President, the Fremantle Dockers and then there was the Nedlands Golf Club!

After a long battle with cancer Dan McDaniel was advised on 17 July he was in remission, which was a great relief to him and his family and cause for great celebration.

Suddenly a fortnight later Dan was admitted to hospital with suspected Pneumonia. Complications arose from which he never recovered and sadly he passed away peacefully in the early hours of 28 August 2018.

A husband to Dale, father to Katherine and Daniel, father-in-law to David and Michelle, Grandad to Jessica, Melissa, Jordan and Daniel. Brother to Nicky, Roger and their families. Cousin to Jay McDaniell (3/69). A tower of strength and devoted to his family, he will be missed by us all.

Dan's considerable shoes are to be filled by his son, Brigadier Daniel Francis McDaniel, DSC, AM, DSM. Brigadier McDaniel graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1989 and followed his father into the SASR, commanding it from 2007 to 2008. Brigadier McDaniel was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List. His father's guidance clearly did him no harm!