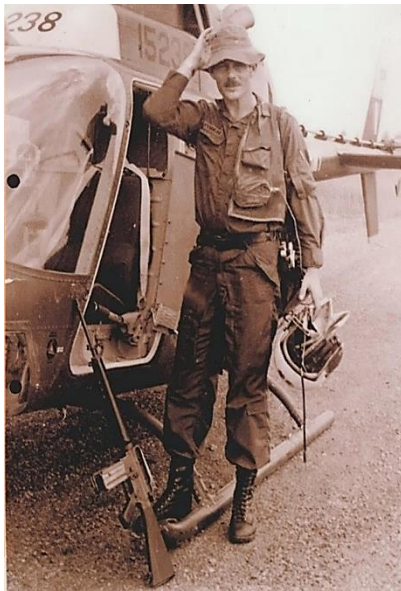


Michael Charles Reynolds was born in Glenorchy, Tasmania, on 11 December 1945, to Ron and Bev Reynolds, a brother to Judith, Annette and Gayle. Called Up for National Service on 13 July 1966 he commenced his service in the Army as 6708604 at 2 RTB, Puckapunyal. Selected for officer training, Mick joined the others of his intake selected, at the Officer Training Unit, Scheyville, on 29 July as a member of 2 Section, 1 Platoon, A Company under Corporal Doug Welshe. His fellow Section members were Berriman, Bock, McCaffrey and Osborne. In his Senior Term, Mick was the Battalion Regimental Duties Sergeant on “King’s Row”.



Mick graduated with his class on 22 December, was allocated to the Aviation Corps. The following day he transferred to the Australian Staff Corps and was given an ARA Regimental Number: 61780. He was posted back to 2 RTB, Puckapunyal, to await Flying Training. Mick commenced his Basic Flying Course at the Basic Flying Training School at RAAF, Point Cook, with Course 65. Passing this basic course, Mick then attended the Operational



Conversion Course (Rotary Wing) at RAAF Amberley with Course 13/68 commencing on 16 January 1968. Graduating with his ‘Wings’, Mick was posted to 171 Air Cavalry Flight on 16 September 1968.

On 15 March 1970 Mick was posted to the Australian Army Staff in Washington to undertake further training. He returned to Australia and on 13 October 1970 was posted as an Instructor at the Army Aviation Centre. Mick served in Vietnam with 161 Indep Recce Flight from 23 June until 23 December 1971. He was with the flight when the Kiowa helicopter was introduced and wrote a good report on the Kiowa after flying a leased aircraft from the US Army. He was the Acting 2IC of the flight when it was withdrawn from Vietnam. In October 1971 Mick was one of the three pilots who flew their aircraft, as a farewell gesture, over the HMAS Sydney that was carrying 3 RAR back to Australia.

On 1 August 1972 Mick was posted as a Qualified Flying Instructor, Rotary Wing, at the School of Army Aviation. On 5 January 1975, Mick was back in Tasmania as the Admin Officer of the District Support Unit, Hobart. Mick retired from the Army with the rank of Major.

Mick married Sharon. Later in life his partner was Anne. He was the father of four daughters and had twelve grandchildren. Mick died in Landsborough, Queensland, on 6 May 2019. As per his wishes, his body was privately cremated and his name was added to the Hobart Garden of Remembrance, Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Queen’s Walk. A Memorial Service in celebration of Mick’s life was held in Buderim, Queensland, on 17 May 2019.