

John Guy Parker was born in East Melbourne on 12 December 1945 and completed his secondary education at Scotch College in Melbourne over the years 1959 – 1964. John was a good sportsman and after one game of Aussie rules was promoted from the Under 14



team to the Senior A Team after just one game. He was also a member of the Athletics Team and one of the school's Tennis Teams. Academically John was also thriving at Scotch College, becoming a Prefect in his final year as well as being awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship. Deferring his National Service John attended Melbourne University and was awarded a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) Degree in 1969 and was employed as a Chemical Engineer by BHP. He married Susan Waterworth on 11 February 1969.



John entered the Army as a National Serviceman at 2 RTB Puckapunyal on 28 January 1970. John was selected for Officer Training and commenced at OTU with Class 1/70 on 13 February 1970. John graduated on 15 July and was allocated to RASigs and posted to 6th Signal Regiment at Watsonia in Melbourne where he served out his National Service, discharging on 15 November 1971 after the term of National Service had been reduced to eighteen months.

In 1973 Chemical Engineer John joined his father's business Water Science Laboratories, taking over the business on his father's death in 1981. John grew the business significantly, earning a reputation for industry leadership and innovation. The business received an award for engineering design and environmental excellence. John retired from the business in 2004 when it had a staff of 100.



John, a proud family man with a daughter and a son (who followed him to Scotch College), with a wide circle of friends, was committed Geelong Cats supporter and a keen sportsman being a tennis player at Kooyong Tennis Club and a golfer at Riversdale Golf Club. He exemplified the values of loyalty, respect, leadership and integrity and was appreciated for his talents, compassion and his sense of humour and will be remembered as a warm, talented and caring gentleman.

In retirement, John and Sue travelled widely. However, John had heart surgery on 3 August, which seemed to go OK, but he then suffered a series of strokes and died on 5 August 2020. Despite the COVID 'Lock Down' John's wife Sue and his children were able to be with him during his last day.

As one of his golfing mates said, 'he could always drive the ball straight down the middle of the fairway, and that was the way he was in life'. A great mate! RIP John