



Ronald BUNKER

Tribute by Mary Smith

Queen Elizabeth, in her message to the American people after 9/11, ended by saying "Grief is the price we pay for Love". How true that statement is. Although the sun still rises over the sparkling waters of Batemans Bay and the Southern Cross shines above, it will never be quite the same, as we have lost someone we love.

We are all in such deep sorrow over Ron's passing. The mixed emotions of the joyous, happy memories of his life and the despair of his departure from our presence are all around us. Ron was an exceptional person - a devoted and loving husband, a good father and "Poppa", and a thoughtful brother and friend. His generosity to family and friends was only surpassed by his love of life, which was an enjoyable game for Ron.

Rarely does one meet and have the privilege to know someone who succeeds at all they touch - Ron was one of these unique people. Successful in business, home life and friendships. A sense of humour which could be exacerbating at times - trying to determine if he was kidding or not. We will remember his extreme ability to focus and organize projects down to the last detail - a man of lists! We will miss him stopping by for a coffee, with list in hand of all the things he had planned for the day. He loved his garden and the beauty that surrounded him - the bird songs and scent of flowers. Not too keen on that red bellied black snake though, that occasionally took up residence.

Ron, will always be a part of us for he gave so much of himself to others. He will be missed. He succeeded in areas of life through knowledge, courage, humour and compassion. Where others would have failed, he succeeded. Ron was our best mate.