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GEORGE WALSH

GEORGE WALSH'S FAREWELL

Bearsted, Kent

12th December 2007

Grateful thanks to Vic Walker for sending us this account of George Walsh's Cremation service.

Hi All

The service, which was simple but moving, was conducted by the Reverend van Straaten (was a teacher at Michaelhouse, Natal). Other ex-Rhodesian Army members who attended were Dave Heppenstall, Mike Shute, Jimmy Ley and his wife Jane, Jock Hutton and his wife Doreen. The eulogy, which was given by Dave Heppenstall, was quite outstanding and covered George's life in the Irish Guards, the Federal Army, and the Rhodesian Army (including the short time he spent in the Zimbabwe National Army) from which he retired with the rank of Lt Col.

After the service all present attended a short wake in the Royal British Legion Village where Merle has a flat. Merle was accompanied by one of her daughters, Margaret (the second daughter, Sandra, is in Zimbabwe and could not make it). George and Merle's son, Alan, was able to fly in from Malawi, but has to return fairly soon. At this time Merle is holding up very well and all of the family's friends are asked to remember them in their prayers during this traumatic time, and particularly over the Christmas period.

Regards

Vic