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STEPHEN WALTERS

4th December 1957 – 25th May 2014

Dear Member / Friend,

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Steve Walters. Steve passed away last night (18 May 2014) in Natal after a prolonged debilitating illness.

Our most sincere condolences to wife Sue, sons Mike and Stuart and brother Mick. Steve was commissioned into Support Commando and later posted to 1 Commando RLI.

We will keep you informed of the details for the services when we receive these from the family. You can pass on any messages to me and I will send them onto the family.

Kind regards
Billy Wiggill
CEO

We stand alone, and yet as one
In the fading light of a setting sun
We've all gathered to say goodbye
To our fallen comrade who's set to fly

The eulogy's read about their life
Sometimes with words from pals or wife
We all know when the CO's done
What kind of soldier they'd become

The padre then calls us all to pray
The bugler has Last Post to play
The cannon roars and belches flame
We will recall, with pride, their name

A minute's silence stood in place
As tears roll down the hardest face
Deafening silence fills the air
With each of us in personal prayer

Andrew McFarlane

SUE'S PRAYER FOR STEVE

TAKEN FROM JOHN 14 V

Jesus said to his disciples don't be afraid. Have faith in God and faith in me.
There are many rooms in my father's house.

I wouldn't tell you this unless it were true.
I am going there to prepare a place for each of you.
After I have done this I will come back and take you with me.
Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going.
Thomas said Lord we don't even know where you are going. How can we know the way.
I am the way the truth and the life Jesus answered.

Lord we give you thanks for Steve, for the life he lived, for the people he loved, the joy he brought to all around him and the kindness and sincerity he showed.
We thank you most of all for his God given talent of bringing laughter to any occasion.
We will miss him so much and we ask you to take care of him until we see him again.
Praise you Lord for all you've done in our life, for so many blessings and so many answered prayers.
Thank you Lord for all the people that Steve put in place that take care of us.
He will rest easy, lift up your heart and peace to thee.
God wanted you now, he has set you free. Amen

CONDOLENCES

"I was shattered to hear that Steve Walters has passed on to higher service. He was a lovely young subbie in the RLI and I remember him with great affection.

Please pass on my most sincere condolences to the family and Mick who I am sure will be devastated

Kindest regards Ian Bate "

"Kindly pass on our sincere condolences to Sue, Mike, Stuart and my good friend Mick, on the passing of Steve. Such a young, fine man, a good soldier and a good officer - I am proud to have known him and to have served with him. All three Walters's brothers earned a remarkable reputation within the RLI in particular and the Rhodesian Army in general and so Steve has left a legacy to Mike and Stuart to which they can hold their heads up with pride.

May the Lord help the whole family to remain strong and steadfast in this painful time.

With deep condolences,
Trevor and Eleanor DesFountain
Cape Town"

"To the Waters family. Steve was a great man loved by all who got to know and serve with him . No doubt he will gather the boys upstairs to pray for us in memory of them that fought the good fight. You are all in our thoughts and prayers."

With heartfelt condolences,
The Parker family
Ft. Lauderdale
Florida"

"A very sad day I had a lot of time for Steve and remember him being attached to my callsign when he was doing his operational attachment in the last phase of his cadet course and taking him through his first punch-up.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend any service as I am currently out of country. I would greatly appreciate it if somebody could pass my deepest condolences to his wife and children in addition to Mick and the rest of the Walters clan.

Regards
Hamish MacIntyre"

Dear all,

I was able to attend Steve's funeral in Durbs yesterday. There were over 400 attendees which, given Steve's absence from the mainstream of life for over the last 10 years, gives you an idea of the high esteem he was held in by all.

There were a number of blues(Biffo Gardner, Mick Delport, Pete Le Roux, Keith Spence) as well as Pat Armstrong, Graham Wilson, and numerous others who I haven't seen for ever. (Mark Scott, Roy Matkovitch, Des Archer) The normal representation from the Durban GFL were obviously there including Scott in jacket and tie!. I spoke to Bill Wiggill last night and apparently there were about 20 at the Gauteng "service"

Altogether a very moving afternoon planned and executed with all the precision that Team Walters are so well known for. As the beer flowed afterwards, normal RLI "piss pulling" came to the fore. Steve could not have wished for better.

Best
Rick