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TERRY JOHN KOTZE

Dear Member / Friend

It is with regret that we inform you that Terry Kotze (ex 1 Cdo) passed away at the Helen Josephs Hospital, Melville last night. (20 May 2012)

Terry is survived by his brother Larry and son Dean.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Terry. We have lost a dear comrade in arms and a memorable RLI character.

Please pass on your condolences via me and I will see these are passed on to the family. We will keep you updated as to funeral arrangements

Bill Wiggill (1RLIRA)

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

Terry John Kotze was born on the 15/10/1952 at the Lady Rodwell Maternity Hospital; Bulawayo, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). Terry was son to John and Lily Kotze. Terry's Father was born in Southern Rhodesia. Mom Lily was from South Africa.

Terry went to Primary School Tennyson and then onto Milton High School in Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

In 1971 Terry joined the RLI and served in both 3 and 1 Commandos. Terry served until 1980 and the disbanding of the Battalion.

Married Sandie and had a son Dean.

Terry then moved to South Africa and joined up in the SADF in 1981 where he served in both 44 and 32 Battalions. Once he completed his army service he worked at boilermaker doing contract work on for various manufacturing sites.

In his last years stayed with his brother Larry until Terry passed away 20/05/2012

(Terry in repose as a RLI Trooper after an external operation into Mozambique c 1976 and at Claw Dam in Gatooma)

CONDOLENCES

Dear Bill,

Please would you send my love to Terry's family, Larry and Dean, I am thinking of them.

RIP Terry

love,

Eunice Walls

Please advise Terry Kotze's family that I have very clear and grand memories of Terry and myself with Tony Comancho at Mabalahuta when he was caught taking a pint of milk from the fridge and Lt Walters Who wanted to make a big seen about it and the whole Cdo stood together from Colour Gerrish right down and Walters had to back down. From that day on Terry always went out of his way to help and make our lives easier and I talk often about how great he turned out to be after that incident. He was and is one of the Old 1 Cdo members who were there from before the Para Days till long after. I am not sure if he was in the Cdo on the 28th but I think he may have been.

Jumbo

My deepest sympathy to Larry and family on their loss of Terry Kotze a good ouen and most memorable person.

Best Regards. Papi Bolton

Hi Bill,

Terry and I were in 1 troop 1 commando together, another good robust solider bites the dust – my condolences to all his family, Terry was the troop pack horse, carried Mag, radio etc.. He will be sadly missed.

Kind regards

Titch

Hi Billy

Please pass my condolences to Terry's remaining family...he was a great character.

Cheers

Blondie

Larry and Dean,

My sincere condolences. Terry was a good friend and will always be remembered.

NIGEL "BUDGIE" HOLMES

Hi Bill, Very sad news indeed. He was a great character who always had a smile on his dial. He was never afraid to put his hand up and be counted. Please pass on my condolences in the memory of a good person who always saw the better side of life. May he rest in peace.

Kindest regards,
Fred Watts

Hey Bill,

Please pass on my most sincere condolences to Terry's family. He was a great mate of mine. We had a lot of laughs. He used to bitch about carrying the Mag and conned me into hauling extra belts for it I had a big chat with him at the reunion in Durban.

He will be sorely missed.

John van Stan