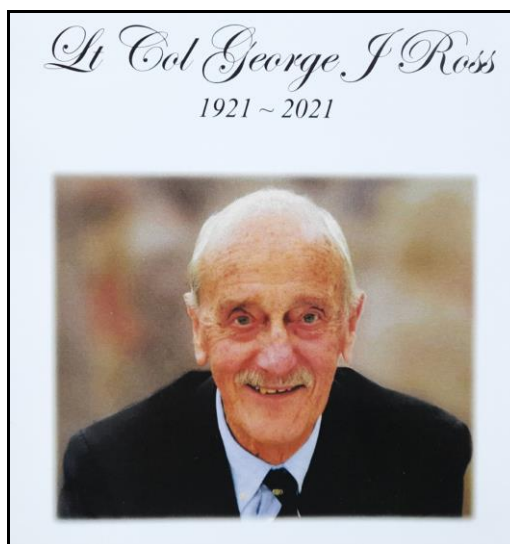


TRIBUTE TO GEORGE ROSS

1921 - 2021



George's early life and career was spent, initially in the Territorial Army and then in the British Army where he served in the war in Algeria and Tunisia. After the war he had significant postings in the UK and West Germany with the BAOR. He progressed through the ranks achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1965 and retired from the Army in 1976.

At his funeral we learned a lot from his sons' fond memories of him such as his attention to detail and organising his private life as with the army with all meals at specific times and set menus. He loved quiz programmes on television including Mastermind and University Challenge making sure he never missed a minute, apparently any phone call would be swiftly terminated so as not to miss a minute of these programmes. He had a great love of Shakespeare with an incredible memory of the dialog often gained by reading the play the evening before watching or listening to the play.

After living in Spain, George returned to the UK, settling in Milford with his wife Phyllis where they joined the bowls club in 1999 and George quickly established himself as a very popular and well respected member of the club, becoming President in 2008. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the club, both with bowling and social events, attending as many socials as he was able. George continued to play until the grand age of 96, albeit with the support of a mechanical bowls aid, and thoroughly enjoyed his time spent on the green.

We all have many memories of George at the club, one being his superb timing of regularly arriving at the club just before 3.00pm on many afternoons with the greetings 'am I too late for a cup of tea' or 'can you spare a cup of tea'. He was a great supporter of us in league games particularly the Ladies matches on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, when he charmed those playing and watching and as many noted he was 'spoilt rotten' by the ladies.

George was a true gentleman and members of the Club have many, many more fond memories of George. He will never be forgotten.

