

Archive Tribute of
Desmond Charles Jones
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Written by his son
Chris Jones

Desmond Charles Jones was born to parents Ivor and Miriam Jones on the 26th of June 1948. He had many good times during childhood in Cefn Fforest with his brother and sisters.

He managed to get good grades at school and was able to attend grammar school. In his early teens he attended the ATC and eventually decided to join the RAF which he joined at the age of fifteen as a boy soldier.

He attended RAF Hereford for an apprenticeship. He was posted to many places during his twenty years of service. He never really mentioned what he actually did during his service, but he did serve on the staff of two Air Marshals.

He eventually left the RAF to gain employment with the British Aircraft Corporation within their military aircraft division and spent a considerable amount of time in Saudi Arabia.

After this project completed he moved on to Bechtel, again in Saudi Arabia, for the building of a major airport. He eventually moved back to Wales and eventually I was born.

He decided to attend Glamorgan Polytechnic and gained a diploma in Personnel Management. In order to support his family he took on many work contracts with numerous companies including time away in Saudi Arabia.

He never really settled in one place while employed and travelled across the UK to undertake work within local government specialising in Job evaluation and equal pay.

He eventually settled in Conwy, North Wales where he stayed for several years. He managed to gain employment with ACAS as an Independent Expert

consulting on equal pay claims. He made the decision recently to move closer to his family and came back to Blackwood.

During this short period of time that he was able to spend time with me and his granddaughters we had some happy times. Des was a very kind and generous man, nothing was too much trouble he would always try and help you as best he could, even if it meant he had to sacrifice something.

He made many friends during his time in Conwy. He was a father, a grandfather a brother, an uncle and a friend. I will always remember him and miss him deeply.

He was always supportive and was always willing to help me during my life. One of his last wishes was there to be donations to Cancer Research UK.

I myself would also ask for a donation to the Intensive care unit at the Royal Gwent as a small thank you for the exceptional care and support they provided during the period my father was in their care.

I'd like to thank everyone for attending and remember my father for whom he was.