



Class of '61 – Reunion

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The Reunion is over but the memories linger on

It is with sadness that I report the death of Anthony (Tony) Sherrard on the 27th December 2011 after a long battle with lung cancer. I have conveyed condolences to his family on behalf of the Class of '61.

For your convenience I have repeated his Life Profile as reflected in our Year Book



ANTHONY (TONY) SHERRARD

Shortly after finishing school I joined a local clearing & forwarding agent and so began 20 years in this industry at the main ports of entry around the country. I also completed my military training with the local regiment Kaffrarian Rifles. During this time I got married and finally settled in Johannesburg. We have 2 sons and a daughter all having flown the coop to the UK at varying times, but thankfully now live in SA.

In the early 1970's I ran my first Comrades Marathon, finally ending with a green number having completed 22 in total.

A number of other ultra and standard marathons were run both locally and internationally, as well as developing a later interest in cycling competing in the Argus, 94.7 and Tour d' Urban as well as a number of lesser events.

My wife and I have an abiding interest in the great outdoors and have been to the four corners of our wonderful country and lots in between. We have also enjoyed all the major local hiking trails such as the Otter, Outeniqua, Transkei, Giants Cup, etc. as well as many minor ones. Our travels also took us to many foreign trails such as the Inca in Peru, Himalayan trek to Mt Everest base

camp in Nepal and climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Our interest in foreign travel has taken us to 43 countries at the last count and 30 states in the USA.

In 1982 I, together with a business partner, opened our own freight and customs consultancy with which we persevered, struggling in the initial years but finally prospering, allowing us both to retire in 2000 and for Janet and I to move to the coast. What followed was a period of semi-retirement as my partner later decided he wanted to carry on. This meant working from home and involved a lot of commuting around the country.



I finally called it quits in 2009 with a move back inland to be closer to our children and grand children. We now live in a complex in Hartebeespoort overlooking the water.

Things don't always work out and in late May 2011 I was diagnosed with the dreaded C. Currently I am having chemo treatment which keeps me at home. Although I will not be able to travel in October my thoughts will be with the reunion and I wish you a successful get-together.

No doubt we **did** work together to make it a truly memorable 50th Reunion – after all, it was the only 50th we will ever have!

Kind regards

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