

Michael Anthony Ardley 1941-2013

It is regret that we belatedly advise the death of Old Boy Michael Anthony Ardley (Mike) who passed away in January 2013, aged 71. He is survived by his wife Ann, his children Scott and Russell, his brothers John and Peter and sister of Erin, and grandchildren Jack and Matthew.



Mike attended several schools both before and after Wellesley, which he attended for Form 2 as a boarder in 1952, with his younger brother Erin. Despite experiencing several schools he recalled his Wellesley escapades vividly some years later. Mike said “One of my achievements was walking through the tops of the macrocarpa trees lining the length of the front field without falling out, and another being the number one man in the chain of boarders that connected with the broken light switch in the gymnasium and sent a shock down the full length of hand holding kids.”

Mike worked as a quantity surveyor throughout his life, and enjoyed a short stint in the Territorial Army in the early 1960's. Ann and Mike married in February 1965 and they lived primarily in Auckland, before retiring to Tauranga.



For Mike and Ann this was no ordinary retirement, as they flew the coup in the winter for 16 years touring and adventuring throughout Australia in their beloved caravan and returning for summers in New Zealand. Both Mike and Ann relished the adventures that travelling bought them, as early on in their marriage they had travelled the world for two and a half years, before returning home and settling down to raising a family, which they did together with enormous pride and dedication.

