

Gerald Leslie Strickland - FCA (1923 - 2016)

Gerald was born in Kelburn, Wellington, in 1923 to Hubert and Gertrude Strickland. He was dux of Eastern Hutt Primary and attended Wellesley on The Terrace in Wellington from 1937–1939, playing in the school's 1st XV rugby team.

In 1939, Gerald began his accountancy career as an office junior with Clark Menzies, which later became part of Deloitte, the firm his son Jeremy joined in 1996. When war came, Gerald joined the Army and then the Navy, but the war ended before he could see active service.

Gerald became a chartered accountant and then head internal auditor at Tasman Empire Airways Limited (TEAL) based in Auckland, until his move in 1956 to Hong Kong to work as chief accountant at the HK Gas Co and then general manager of Rank Xerox HK, Macao and Vietnam. He was made a fellow of the NZ Chartered Accountants (FCA) .

Gerald was involved in a number of voluntary organisations over his lifetime including the Youth Hostel Association, Rotary and the NZ-China Friendship Society. He was a keen golfer and DIYer.

In 1969 Gerald married Christine and they had four children, settling in Nelson, where Gerald set up as a management consultant and worked in various paid and voluntary roles for organisations such as the Nelson Founders Park and the Cawthron Institute, and for businesses including a sphagnum moss drying plant and propolis processing plant. Gerald and Christine returned to Wellington in 2001 and he died there in 2016 in his 93rd year, survived by his wife, four children and six grandchildren.

