

## **James Patrick Beattie (Sh '51)**

Patrick died on the 8 July 2010 in Melbourne Australia where he and his family had emigrated in 1969.

Patrick was born in Belfast in 1933. He attended Port Regis when it was evacuated to Gorhambury near St. Albans then later to Motcombe Park in Dorset. He enjoyed all aspects of his Bryanston years when the Greek Theatre was being built; rugby was his sport of choice. He sculpted with Don Potter. Despite Miss Wilson's negative view of his academic potential, Patrick took a degree in agriculture at Queens' College Cambridge after two years National Service.

He worked on farms during his vacations then entered as a trainee manager with Silcocks, an animal feeds manufacturer based firstly at Silverton East London finally as a manager at Gourrock on the Clyde. He was married to Patricia in 1963. But disillusioned with the senior management and poor recognition of the developments he had introduced he emigrated to Melbourne in 1969 with his family of three children. He was in his element making a local family-run feeds manufacturer into a profitable firm with mills throughout Victoria. Unfortunately only to be sold to the competition. He did attend an occasional OB dinner in Melbourne.

He continued as a consultant in the industry that took him all over the Far East, and Eastern Australia setting up mills deep in the countryside and sourcing raw materials from the canning and brewing industries. He was remarried to Heidi and had a further son. But slowly his multiple sclerosis began to limit him physically.

Over the last fifteen years he has not been in good health luckily most of his family stayed around Melbourne and were able to support him. He died peacefully in a nursing home.

He is survived by Amanda, Jonathan and Elizabeth from his first marriage and James from his second.

*Keith Beattie his younger brother (Sh '58)*