

Family Statement in the matter of Graham Paynter

1 February 2023

Graham Paynter is the only son of Gladys Paynter and Stanley Paynter (both deceased), and has 2 full sisters and 1 half-sister, additionally Graham was an uncle to 8 nephews and nieces including my brother and I and great uncle to 9 nephews and nieces

Graham was known by most people as Possum, this nickname was a term of affection from his days as a survey assistant. Initially it was Pop Paynter (who also worked as an assistant surveyor) who was called Possum due to his curly short hair, then Graham started working there and as he also had curly hair became known as young Possum. It eventually became just Possum and was utilised outside of work and to all his friends and family so that he became known as Possum.

Graham was a joker and a bit of a scally wag who always enjoyed a laugh with his friends and family.

Graham was a person who loved and was in turn loved by others, it is a tragedy that his life was cut short and that he didn't get the chance to have a full life.

I know that my brother and I would have loved him to have been here for the many moments and events in our lives like getting married and having children who I know Graham would have loved as well.

I am not sure of exactly what happened to him on the night of his death but I do hope that from this hearing, that this situation and details surrounding his untimely death are investigated and given the proper respect, attention, time and results that anyone should expect when the loss of a loved one occurs rather than being brushed aside or put into the too hard basket.

Please give our uncle a voice that he has so long been denied.

Regards

William Towler

Endorsed by my brother, Andrew Bird



Andrew, Graham and William