

Robert Malcolm

Robert was a kind, caring and highly intelligent person. He had many talents and interests. From an early age Robert was an avid reader and a gifted musician. He was the star of several musicals at his local High school. Robert was a talented singer and a virtuoso on the recorder. He was very good at public speaking and debating. In fact, when he met up with his aunt Bernice in Scotland while travelling, her husband Stanley gave Robert the nickname of "The Orator".

After secondary school, Robert attended the University of Sydney from 1969, where he embarked on an Arts degree, studying economics, modern history and geography.

Robert was a member of the Sydney University Musical Society (SUMS) and participated in musical performances as a tenor in the chorus. He was also the SUMS treasurer during that time.

Robert worked at the GPO for the Australian Postal Service and appeared to enjoy his time there very much.

He loved train travel and in 1978, Robert travelled on the Trans Siberian railway with a friend, exploring much of Asia and Europe.

Robert was always polite, gentle and generous with his time and possessions. He was well loved by many who knew him.

The loss of Robert has impacted sadly on all of our family. We miss our Robert terribly. Our parents, Bob and Edith, were deeply saddened by the death of their first-born son. Their lives would have been so much happier and healthier if Robert had not been violently attacked. While Robert never fathered children of his own, he would have delighted in being an uncle to his four wonderful nieces. Robert died in 1992, before he could ever know of or spend time with any of his nieces. Robert would have enjoyed talking with them and sharing in their company. His nieces could have benefitted from Robert's interest and advice on all matters, particularly music, literature and history.

When our parents' health deteriorated as they aged, Robert may have made a valuable contribution to their care and wellbeing. Perhaps they could have avoided living their final years in a nursing home.



Robert and his mother Edith



Robert, Lyn and Graham