



Colin William Lee

19.9.1928 – 24.12.2020

Colin was born in Coopers Creek NSW- the second child, and only son, of Leonard Cecil Lee and Olga Lillias (nee Unicomb). He had an older sister Norma and a younger sister Marie. He began his education at Coopers Creek Primary and after the Lee family moved to Newcastle in 1941 Colin attended Cooks Hill High School.

After leaving school Colin had a number of rural occupations back on the Manning River but returned to Newcastle in 1949 when his soon-to-be wife Roma Ward commenced her nursing training at Watt Street Hospital.

On the 10th November 1951 they married at St John's Anglican Church Taree. By this time Colin had commenced his 40-year long employment with Dunlop Tyre Service.

In 1953 Colin and Roma purchased their first and only home at 19 David Street Georgetown - the home that for the next 65 years was to be the gathering place for family, friends and neighbours.

In 1954 a daughter Susan Margaret was born and in 1960 a second daughter Belinda Dawn (Jo).

Colin was a keen sportsman, playing rugby league in his early years, and later golf and lawn bowls. Sport was his passion – he was a keen supporter of the Knights and the Jets. He also enjoyed watching all codes of football, cricket, swimming, tennis and loved watching the horse races.

In 1980 his career as a grandfather began and he was a very-hands on 'Grandad' to Luke, Jacob, Byron and Georgia.

In 2017, after two strokes which left Colin partially incapacitated, he became a resident at Greenmount Gardens Aged Care at Mount Hutton. He remained mentally alert and was interested and supportive of his family's pursuits right up until his death on Christmas Eve 2020. His wife, Roma, pre-deceased him in June 2019.