
Obituary - Laurie Ryder



Laurie was born on 2nd May 1918 in Manchester, one of the younger members of a family that consisting Of 12 children (8 boys and 4 girls). Laurie schooling was at Mount St. Mary's, and the school played a major part in his life. His involvement with the Mount Old Boys Association, included a year as President of the Mountaineers, and continued into his nineties, as did his trips to Lourdes.

After taking his Articles, Laurie joined the Lancashire Fusiliers but seeking more action then joined the Glider Regiment. He served in the Invasion Forces in North Africa and Sicily and Southern Italy and by this time had become a Warrant Officer, later turning down an offer of a commission.

His regiment moved to India and but soon after that when the first atomic bomb was dropped in the Far East, he and the regiment returned to England Once de-mobbed, Laurie joined the Territorial Army division of the Red Devils and spent many happy weekends.

Laurie and Olive married in 1951, raised three daughters but sadly the marriage ended with Olive's death in 1984.

Laurie was originally a member of the 47th circle Of the Catenian Association City of Manchester - and also held office on Provlnce council, until the Manchester City Circle was disbanded. He then joined the Knutsford Circle, in the town where he had lived for nearly all of his married life and was already well known at Church, particularly for his work with St Vincent de Paul.

Laurie's profession was accountancy and he spent a large part of his working life as Company Secretary in his family's business 'MPL'. He retired from accountancy in 1982 and worked for his daughters company until long past the normal retirement age.

Laurie was an extremely sociable man who was well known and respected in his adopted town.
He served God, King and Country well and was a family man at heart.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE