

## Frank William Newton

22 January 1938 – 11 October 2008

Frank was born on January 22, 1938 at Nepean Hospital, Penrith NSW. Quite coincidentally, his father was also born at the Penrith Cottage Hospital on the very same site. Both Frank and his father, Lloyd, were delivered by the same doctor (Dr Higgins). Later, all five of his children were also to be born at Nepean Hospital.

Frank was the second child born to Lloyd and Elvie Newton. At the time, Lloyd was the Anglican Reverend at St Paul's Church in Emu Plains. Lloyd, Elvie, Ruth and Frank spent time in many different parishes, including Berry, Ingleburn and Enmore during the young family's life.

Whilst living at Enmore, Frank met the love of his life, Robyn Sinclair, who was boarding at the Salvation Army Hostel, whilst studying at Sydney University. Lloyd performed their marriage at Christ Church, Enmore on December 30, 1961. They built, and soon moved into, their family home at Shirlow Avenue, Faulconbridge. Five children, Michael, Heather, Andrew, Paul and Ian, arrived in quick succession.

Over the years Frank involved himself in many community service activities including the Faulconbridge Progress Association, Faulconbridge Volunteer Fire Brigade, Springwood High School Parents and Citizens' Association, The Young Adults' Group and the Parish Council at Christ Church, Springwood. More recently he was actively involved in the Springwood Music Club and the Blue Mountains Wood turners ("The Woodies"). In fact, the "Woodies" have decided to create the "Frank Newton Memorial Award" for outstanding local Year 10-12 woodwork students.

For more than 30 years Frank worked as a photographer at the Water Board (Sydney Water), commuting from Faulconbridge to the city and back every day. Frank took many family portraits of local families, school events and the annual photographs for Springwood Cricket Club and the Springwood Amateur Swimming Club. He was responsible for many memorable photographs, including many shots of the progress of Warragamba Dam and an award winning shot (1977 Hasselblad Master's Award) of a kangaroo bounding across the Burrigorang Valley. During this time he befriended many fellow commuters and was a survivor of the Granville train disaster.

In 1994 Frank took an early retirement and had the opportunity to pursue his passions for woodwork and music and spend more time travelling and with his family. He always had time to help out his children and grandchildren and support them in their many interests.

On 12.9.08 Frank was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of throat cancer and died exactly one month later. He is survived, and greatly missed by his wife and life partner, Robyn, five children and their partners, 14 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and his pining and (now even more) neurotic dog, Charlie

**Our "Mr Fix-It" .....Sadly missed**