

Tribute to Clive Hammond (1945-2018)

Clive was born in Sudbury and had one sister Shirley. When he was about 7 years old, he moved with his mum and sister to Grundisburgh, which is where he has remained ever since.

His mother married Percy, and she had two more children Philip and Roger.

Clive attended school locally, and on leaving school, he worked at Ridley Paints in Woodbridge. It was about this time that Clive decided he wanted to go into the building trade and the next 45 years saw him working with different companies, his last job being at VA Marriotts of Ipswich.

Clive looked football and it was through this that he met his future wife, Christine. Her father ran the Martlesham Football Club which Clive and his mate Goldie joined. They married in 1970 settling back afterwards in Grundisburgh, and they had one daughter Carol.

Clive enjoyed playing darts and for a number of years played for the Grundisburgh Dog Dart Team. He also enjoyed fishing and went to Bawdsey and Shingle Street regularly: often sitting out all night. Sometimes successful - sometime not.

Clive also enjoyed Cycle Speedway which he started with his good friend Dave Hunting in his home village of Grundisburgh.

Whilst working all day - and - week as a builder's labourer, Clive liked to do small building jobs for local people living in the village. He really enjoyed building walls and patios - but he was also very proud to have re-built part of the Church Wall in Grundisburgh; re-pointing it and tidying it up, and he was never happier than when he saw one of his projects finished.

Sadly, his health was to deteriorate. Smoking, the hospital told him, was not helping his lungs, but Clive knew best and he was NOT going to give up his beloved cigarettes although 5 years ago, he did manage to give smoking up. However, the damage was already done.

Eventually, Clive had to give up his weekend work as he was in and out of hospital for the past few years. The retirement plans he had of small building projects and helping others, was put to one side.

He took up a less tiring interest and new hobby, completing word searches and making jigsaw puzzles. He adored his dog Jakey, and his days revolved around him.

The last part of Clive's life has been very difficult and very sad. He has been in and out of Hospital over the past few years and returned back at the end of December with a blood clot on his leg and pneumonia. Days later he had a Stroke. The family were planning for him to return home, but it was not meant to be and Clive passed away on 24th January with his family beside him. He was 72 years of age.

Clive was a true Country boy. He led a simple and contented life and didn't ask for much in life. He loved his family, his work, his dogs and his garden. He had little comprehension or understanding of why people would or should want more in life. He loved his home and he always said that he would only leave it in a box

Clive didn't hold back in letting you know how he felt about something. He was a very good Supervisor of things when his health prevented him from doing these jobs himself. Even during the last part of his life, he was still telling Christine how a particular job should be done - supervising her from his wheelchair.

Clive was loved by his family and his dog and he will be very sadly missed.

Mrs Carol Taylor (Hammond) and Mrs Christine Hammond