

NICHOLAS ARGENT (R62-64)

Nick Argent died on 12th October 2022 just short of his 74th birthday. A funeral service, packed with family and close friends, was held on 3rd November at St Wilfrid's Church, Davenham, Cheshire.



His elder brother **David (R62-67)** has written:

“Nick was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 1997 and given a life expectancy of two years. Frequent medical interventions over the following two decades never stilled his determination to beat the odds, his fortitude, and his enthusiasm for life generally – indeed, he became something of a ‘star survivor’ for The Christie hospital in Manchester, which over the years became almost a home from home for him.

At Framlingham Nick excelled in shooting. He was one half of the winning Cadet Pair at Bisley in 1964 and was a member of the successful England schools’ team against Canada that same year. In his final year he was Captain of Shooting (following in my footsteps in that role!), and he continued to shoot for the OFs and for Suffolk for many more years, winning (with me) the Families competition at Bisley in 1983.

Nick’s career was in pharmacy (incidentally giving him exceptional understanding of his medical treatment over the years), progressing through various increasingly senior roles in ‘big Pharma’ and involving much international travel, culminating in setting up his own company, specialising in quality assurance of international pharmaceutical supply chains. He was a member of the Royal Society of Pharmacists for over 50 years.

Nick was an avid ‘petrol head’, exemplified by a series of ever ‘sportier’ cars and what can only be described as an exuberant driving style – even towards the end, he was exploring ways of improving the performance of his electric wheelchair. He attended many motor races both in the UK and overseas - his knowledge of F1 cars and drivers over the years was legendary.

An abiding enthusiasm for cricket took him not only to Edgbaston, the Oval and other venues in England, but also to Grenada, Australia (Perth, Melbourne and Sidney for the 2013/14 Ashes), St Lucia and Sri Lanka – though his messages home from afar tended to dwell less on the quality of play than on the quality of the beer – another life-long enthusiasm of his.

He is enormously missed both by his family and by his many, many close friends.”