

## BRUCE FRANCIS HARLEY



**HARLEY Bruce Francis 8054 (1962–65) GF**  
Harley Architect Baulkham Hills; Bur, Dal,  
Cdt. Dec'd 01/07/1994

Born	20 July 1949	Sydney, NSW
Died	1 July 1994	???

If Bruce's grandfather, John Francis Harley, hadn't been celebrating the conclusion of WW1 with his Australian Army mates in Paris, we would have never known Bruce. In Paris, John met and married a local girl from which came George Francis Harley, born in Paris in September 1919. John with his new wife Suzanne and baby George arrived back in Australia in December 1920.

George grew up on the northern beaches of Sydney where his father was a master builder. At the outbreak of WW2 and 20 years old he enlisted in the Army but soon transferred to the RAAF where he was a Flying Officer. Back in Sydney at the end of the war he undertook training for and became an architect. In 1948 George married Judith McGregor Gordon, formerly a corporal in the Australian Women's Army during WW2. They had three children - Bruce, Jane and Richard (OB 1967 to 1972).

Bruce was a day boy, initially in Burkitt House then Dalmas House. A keen student who enjoyed sport; he was in the all-conquering 8ths in 1965 as a strong running back. See photo.



He wanted something different in his life so in February 1966 Bruce became one of 55 cadet midshipmen that began officer training at the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay. It must have been here that he realised his future lay in teaching. In 1972 he was an undergraduate at the University of NSW and in 1977 he was a teacher living at Balmain.

He married Judy between 1972 and 1977. At some stage they went to live in Western Australia.

Despite an extensive request from '67ers, no contact with his school friends has been identified from his school days up to his untimely death on 1 July 1994.

Bruce's brother Richard became a solicitor, married and had two daughters and a son - Timothy Richard Harley (OB 2001 to 2008). In more recent times the family moved to Rylstone where George died in 2011, Richard in 2013 and Judith in 2015, all being buried in the Rylstone Cemetery.

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