

## ROSS GUY KABLE



**KABLE Ross Guy 8515 (1965–67) DG Kable \***  
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Bega;  
Bro, Hake, W.O.II. B A LLB SydU. Solicitor.  
KSM June 1987. 02/01/1986

**Born** 27 February 1950 South Coast, NSW  
**Died** 2 January 1986 Newcastle, NSW

Born on the South Coast of NSW and brought up in Bega, Ross was the only child of Donald and Annie Myra, known as Nancy, (nee Ross). His father, an old boy (1938), was the Senior Electrical Engineer for the Bega Valley County Council which supplied electricity to the South Coast.

For Ross, King's started in Year 10 (1965) when he boarded at School House Broughton in Parramatta followed by two years in Hake House at the New School.

Contemporaries remember Ross mixing well in the boarding environment. He had a wry sense of humour and was always up for a bit of fun. On the rugby field Ross was an enthusiastic breakaway, his talent taking time to be recognised as he made his way from the 10ths to the 5ths and finally in 1967, the 3rds.

He was an active member of the Cadet Corps achieving the rank of WO2.

*5th XV, 1966*

*Ross is standing, 4th from right*

*(see website for other names)*



Charles Jennings recalls spending time with Ross during holidays in the Merimbula-Tathra-Bega area where party nights invariably ended with them waking up the next morning on the beach, feeling the worse for wear.

Obviously an able student, for the HSC Ross studied English, full Maths and full Science plus French. Covering the options for a career in Engineering to follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, he opted instead for Arts/Law at Sydney University and he entered into collegiate life at St. Andrews College. He enjoyed a beer and a cigarette and settled easily into University life.

It was common for relationships to develop with girls from the Women's College and Ross was remembered for a particular relationship which affected him when it broke up. He played Carol King's *Tapestry* album on his record player repeatedly, just changing sides when the record was finished. By the time he recovered in about two weeks, everyone living near his room knew all the words to every song on the album

Ross was able to relieve the stress of study through playing competitive rugby in the College XV that included Tom Atkins ('66), Rick Gazzard ('65) and Mike Druce ('68). In later years he played for the College Social Team with Geoff Watt ('67) and with the King's Old Boys. After four years in College he moved into share flats in Vaucluse and Bellevue Hill.

At the completion of his Law degree he moved to Casino as a solicitor for a few years, then to Newcastle where he worked at *Fox Walsh Maher and Doyle* doing mainly personal injury cases. In Newcastle he met and fell in love with Elizabeth; they married and Ross became step-father to her son Andre. In 1980 Guy Kable was born.

Ross' parents (Don and Nancy) relocated to the Maitland area in the late 1970s so enjoyed times with their new grandson closer to home for a number of years; Don dying in 1995 and Nancy in 2005.

While working to build a practice in Newcastle he was known to let his hair down at times – there are stories of him surfing on the dining room table after dinner while the Beach Boys played in the background.



St Andrews XV, 1969, who in 1969 won the prestigious Rawson Cup

*Football*

*Standing: J. I. Taylor, B. W. Barr, R. Hampshire, R. P. Galton,  
A. D. Ross, M. S. Druce, J. M. Rendle, R. G. Kable*

*Seated: S. A. Barwick, A. R. Leys, T. J. Atkins, R. V. Gazzard (captain), P. I. Davidson (vice-captain),  
S. D. Miller, D. R. Higgins Absent: G. Campbell, P. H. Clark, G. B. Evans*

Towards the end of 1985 Ross developed an aggressive untreatable brain tumour. It grew rapidly and he died in January 1986.

Ross is survived by Liz and the two boys. His son Guy subsequently attended King's from 1996 to '98.

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