



DEFENCE POLICE FEDERATION

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Obituary

JOHN McCAFFERTY

John was born 28th July 1942 and grew up in the village of Allanton, North Lanarkshire.

On 18th March 1963 he joined the Admiralty Constabulary, his first station being Caerwent in South Wales. A few years later in 1967 he transferred to RNAD Coulport. During this time he was active in the Association becoming involved with the pre-amalgamation negotiations that led to the formation of the MoD Police on 1st October 1971.

John subsequently became the first General Secretary of the Defence Police Federation and transferred to Portsmouth Dockyard, however the post was not full time, which meant he had to combine police and federation duties and responsibilities. It was not a satisfactory arrangement. The Department eventually recognised this and agreed to the post becoming fulltime, and at the same time provided the Federation with Office accommodation in Central London.

In April 1982 John suffered a severe heart attack, which led to him having a Heart Transplant some six months later on 20th October. The operation was carried out by the pioneering surgeon, Sir Magdi Yacoub at Harefield Hospital, West London.

Following his transplant John's health steadily improved and he was determined to return to work which he duly did for a while during 1983. However, after four and half months he decided it was time to move on and retired on grounds of ill health.

In the years that followed John was active in promoting organ donation, took part in the British Transplant Games, doing charity work raising funds for the British Heart Foundation, Harefield Hospital and so much more. In October 2013 John was officially recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as being the World's Longest Surviving Heart Transplant Patient.

John and his wife Ann enjoyed travelling the world whenever the opportunity arose and happily celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in October 2015.

Sadly John died aged 73 years on Tuesday 9th February 2016.

John is survived by his wife Ann and son Ian.

John's funeral service will be held 2nd March 2016 at 1.15pm in the Oak Chapel within Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes MK8 0AH followed by burial at Newport Pagnell.