## **Obituary - Roger Conner**



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our Vice-Chairman, Roger Conner, 74yrs, on the 21st April 2021.

Roger was taken ill suddenly on Sunday 18th April and taken to hospital but sadly did not recover.

Prior to joining MDP Roger served with the armed forces initially with Royal Army Service Corps, Prince of Wales Division working with tanks and armoured vehicles then later with the RAF as an Aircraft Technician, Air Frame. In 1980 he joined the force his first station being the Royal Mint, Llantrisant.

During his police career Roger gained promotion to Sergeant and Acting Inspector serving at various locations including RAF Alconbury, Molesworth and Stafford. He was also an active Federation Rep and served at branch, region and national level.

Roger left MDP in 1992 and joined the Met Police Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection unit based in the Houses of Parliament and later moved to Islington Police Station as an Arrest Warrant Officer. In 1998 Roger transferred to Kent Police where he served as a Crime Support Officer until retirement in 2006.

In later years Roger joined the ROA and together with his wife Irene regularly attended the annual reunion and in 2018 was elected vice-chairman.

Roger had a great passion for golf and sadly was taken ill as he was about to play a round of golf at his local golf course in Southport.

Roger is survived by his wife Irene and two daughters Julia and Helen.

Roger's funeral service was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Southport Crematorium.