



OBITUARY

John Mead Passed away 13th April 2013 aged 77.

Following service in the RAF John joined 7 Group Bedford ROC, and served for well over 25 years, firstly as a Post Observer on the Riseley Post, and later transferring to Crew 2 in Bedford Control, where his wife Marlene also served.

He joined the ROC Association in 1986 and, following the Stand Down of the ROC in 1991, became an active supporter of many Group and National events including the Annual Reunions.

After losing his second wife in 1996 John married Barbara Clark, who also served in Bedford Group, and they moved to The Dordogne in France to run a Bed & Breakfast Gite.

Following Barbara's death in France, in 2007, John returned to live in Nottingham to be close to his two daughters Katharine and Elizabeth.

When he arrived in Nottinghamshire he found out that his local pub raised monies for charities, and very quickly asked for details of the ROC Benevolent Fund, so that a contribution could be made.

His funeral took place on the 25th of April 2013 at St. Leonards Church Wollaton Nottingham. Joining the many family mourners were the Reverend John Moore - who served as the Vicar in the English quarter of Aquitaine in France where John and Barbara were members -, and fellow residents from his Care Home in Wollaton.

The ROCA representatives, forming a guard of honour at the Church door, were:- Standard bearer Norman Hart of 15 Group Lincoln, Michael Marks of 7 Group Bedford, Leslie Mitton MBE and Stewart Jackson, both of 8 Group Coventry. He will be sadly missed.