

Obituary – Terry Senior

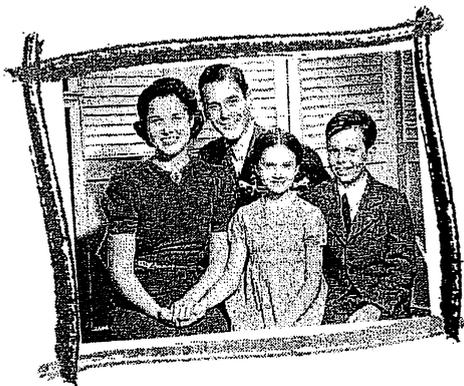
It is with much sadness that the Law Society reports what many of you may be aware of, namely the death of Terry Senior after a short but hard fought battle with cancer.

Terry was born in Yorkshire, England on 5th July 1947 and emigrated with his family to the Wimmera region of Victoria whilst still a youngster. He matriculated from Dimboola High School in 1965, possibly better known as a gifted sportsman than as a keen and conscientious student. From Dimboola Terry moved to Melbourne in 1966 and began part-time study for his LLB at Melbourne University whilst juggling work commitments on the Melbourne Stock Exchange with an emerging VFL (now AFL) career and an active social life. Regrettably, his VFL career was cut short almost before it began by serious injury, forcing him to pursue alternative sporting interests in which he excelled by dint of his natural athleticism. Marriage to Jan followed as did his graduation in 1975. His articles were completed by 1978 and Terry then became an Associate with Barker Harty & Co and by 1982 he was a Partner with Eales & McKenzie in Lilydale, Victoria. Terry entered into sole practice in Lilydale in 1984 and went on to become a Partner with Leddra Westmore Senior & Co in Melbourne in 1988 and the Senior Associate with McKean and Park, Melbourne before moving with Jan and his three children, Cameron, Daniel and Samuel to the Territory in 1990. Terry will no doubt be best known to you as a senior member of the office of the Australian Government Solicitor, Northern Territory of Australia, a position he held until 1995 before returning to private practice with Ward Keller.

Terry's legal career spanned all areas of practice. A dedicated, resourceful and pragmatic practitioner, Terry gained a deserved reputation in Victoria and in the Territory as a dogged, courageous, highly skilled and, above all, honest and principled opponent. His skills and integrity will be sorely missed. Terry was actively involved in numerous sporting associations in Darwin and with the Institute of Arbitrators Australia.

Privately, Terry was a very modest man devoted to his wife and family. Those who knew him well knew a man with a well honed sense of humour, a keen sense of justice and deep loyalty to his friends. They also knew a man with immense reserves of courage and determination. That courage and determination was no more evident than in his fight against his illness.

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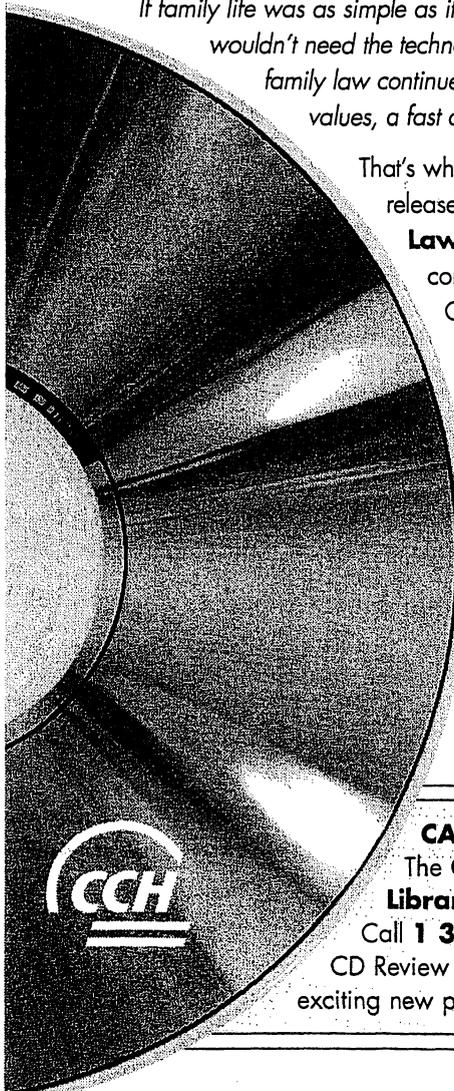


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