

A tribute to Hallam Charles Courtney Jones 22nd July, 1941 - 29th June, 2007



When Hallam is long remembered by family, friends and associates it will be through **living his motto:**

**Do unto others as you would have
them do unto you & make the
most of every day**

Hallam was born in Christchurch in 1941, and lived for the first five years of his life in the suburb of Cashmere. The family moved to Napier and Hallam spent most of his schooling years there. In 1957 the family moved to Hamilton where Hallam finished his schooling at Hamilton Boys' High School where he was in the 1st XV Rugby team, Tennis, Rowing and Athletic teams. In 1961, Hallam went out to Great Mercury Island as a Shepherd-in-General and spent two wonderful years there. He just loved his time on the island and had a great love of the sea, fishing and spending time on the lakes.

In 1964, Hallam joined Wilson Meats Limited as a live stock buyer and in March took over the Te Awamutu area as the buyer was going on an overseas holiday. He took them up to the ship to begin their voyage and it was there he met the person who changed his life. For Hallam and Barbara it was "love at first sight" although hardly a word was spoken. Hallam and Barbara married on 6th August, 1966, and he was given the Rotorua and surrounding districts as his new area.

Over the next few years, Hallam and Barbara were fortunate to have a family of five children – Anne, Mark, Russell, Penny and Ashley.

He soon met up with John Wilson, then an adviser with National Mutual (now AXA) in Rotorua. It was at John's persistence that Hallam joined National Mutual in January 1976, and that introduction provided a career that surpassed 31 years and a great group of industry friends and clients.

Hallam was also very involved in the community and believed it was only right that he put back into the community which gave him so much enjoyment in life.

In 1979, he was made a Justice of the Peace and was, for three years, President of the Rotorua and Districts J.P. Association. For 12 years, he made himself available as part of the J.P. involvement on the Bench within the Court system. He was Chairman of the Rotorua Lakes High School Board for 9 years, and was a member of the Board of Governors for Rotorua Schools. Hallam enjoyed his tennis as a player first and then as President of Lynmore Tennis Club.

On 29th June this year at the age of 65, Hallam passed away after a battle with cancer.

Hallam had been very determined to leave Barbara in a position where she could carry on living in retirement in the manner to which she enjoyed when working. Apart from life insurance, Hallam had an excellent superannuation scheme with AXA. The comfort of knowing she will be receiving an ongoing monthly income from the Scheme has enabled Barbara to be able to visit their children - most of who are now living overseas - and to remain living in their home - their "Paradise by the Lake" - for the rest of her life.

The business of Hallam Jones Insurance & Superannuation Limited continues with son, Mark, very ably carrying it on.