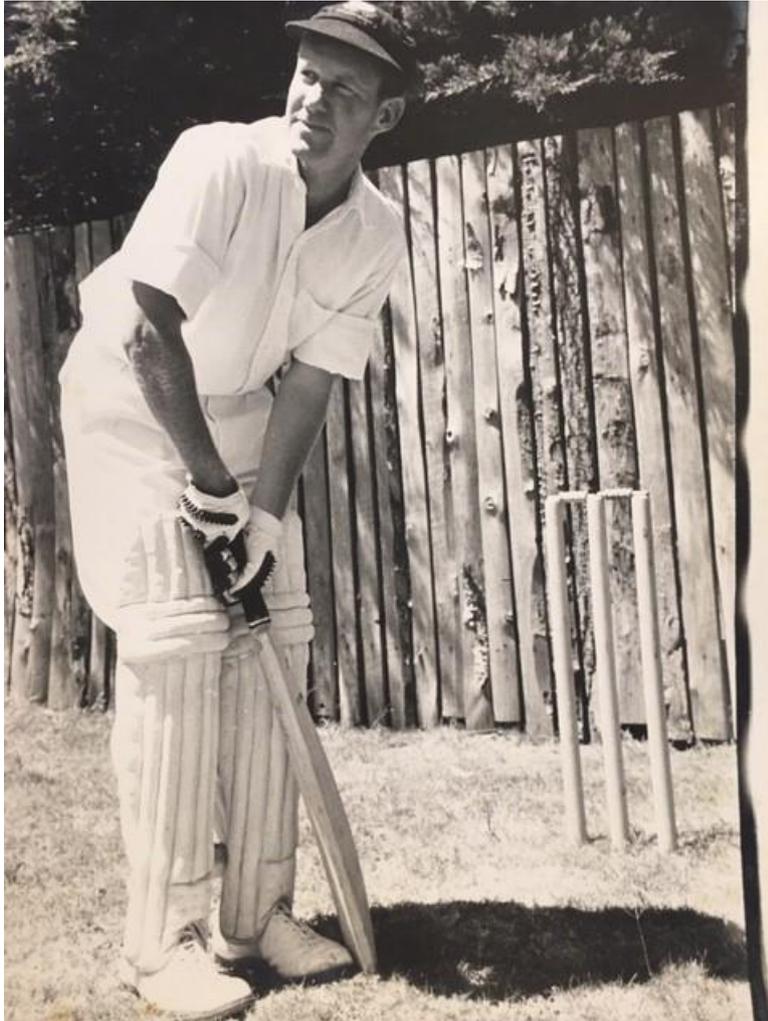


Michael F. Perrott (1933 - 2017)

Mike Perrott (OA 1952) passed away on Monday 23rd January 2017 at his home in Cape Town after a brave two-year battle with cancer. Mike was born in Port Elizabeth in 1933 to Robert Nelson Perrott and Dorothy Tagert and was the youngest of 4 children. His two older brothers, Peter and John preceded Mike at St Andrews College finishing in 1941 and 1945 respectively. Mike attended St Georges Prep from 1942 to 1946 and entered SAC in 1947, where he boarded at Armstrong House. He was a talented cricketer and was selected for the Colts team in 1948, where he would make his highest ever score at SAC of 165 against Kingswood College. He was selected for the EP Nuffield team three years running and represented SA Schools in his final year. During his time at SAC, Mike was twice awarded the McCabe bat for being the most consistent cricketer in the First XI and he would later represent Southern Universities, South African Universities and Eastern Province as an opening batsman.



After matriculating, Mike went to the University of Cape Town where he studied for a B. Comm. He was in residence at Smuts Hall and made many friends during his university days. He returned to Port Elizabeth in 1955 and immediately signed up to play cricket and hockey for Walmer Club. Mike always spoke very fondly of his time here and after 15 seasons, some as cricket captain, he was made an honorary life member.

He met Janet in 1959 and they were married in 1963. After a brief stint at Firestone, Mike joined S.A. Mercantile and transferred to Cape Town in 1970 where he would live for the rest of his life. He left S.A. Mercantile in 1970 and joined Colin D. Bailey, a company that specialised in importing and distributing machinery, leathers and thread for the shoe industry. Mike was appointed MD of the

Cape Town branch and remained there until he retired in 1998. Whilst having a successful career, Mike's passion was for his family and the outdoors - he played cricket into his late 50s for Western Province Cricket Club, social tennis well into his 70s and you could regularly find him walking in Newlands Forest with his friends or on the cliff paths of Hermanus until his final few weeks.

For many Mike will be remembered for his great sense of humour, much of which can be traced back to his time at SAC. He once said that he developed this sense of humour at school to stop the older kids from picking on him – he argued that if he could make them laugh then he would be ok! He remained a loyal follower of SAC and visited the school on many occasions when he was back holidaying in his favourite spot – Bushmans River. It was very clear that he loved his time at SAC, the opportunities it gave him and the friends he made there, many of whom he kept for the rest of his life.

Mike leaves his wife, Janet, his three sons; Andrew, Don and Geoff, and his grandchildren Nicola, Matthew, Jonathan, Tim and Ellie.