

### **Peter Venning Bryant (Mullins 1935 - 1939)**

Peter Bryant died at his home in Cape Town on 6th August 2010, aged 89. He was the last remaining OA Bryant of his generation, surviving his brothers, Ted and Gordon (Mullins) and cousins, Rolfe, Tony, Phillip and Mickey (Espin).

Peter was born in East London in 1921 and attended Selborne Prep, before spending 5 years as a boarder in Mullins House. He was a House Prefect, awarded tennis colours, and was also a very good golfer while at College, later representing Eastern Province. After two stints at Rhodes University, interrupted by nearly 5 years of war service, including time in Egypt, Peter acquired the business Hewitt and Palmer in Grahamstown. Initially a fishing tackle shop, he built the business into a successful men's sports and outfitting concern.

This also allowed him to follow his great loves of golf, tennis, fishing and later, bowls. He was active in community affairs, being president of the Grahamstown Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of Round Table and captain of the Grahamstown Golf Club. He was also on the organising committee for the 1955 Centenary celebrations. Peter married Margaret Blaine in 1945 in Kei Road and enjoyed 53 years of marriage, before Margaret died in 1998. They moved to join family in Cape Town in 1979 where Peter became an active member of Royal Cape Golf Club and Claremont Bowling Club. Highlights of his golfing career included a Seniors' tour of the UK and shooting his age at Royal Cape -- scored 81 when he was 80, (his 81st year) and 74 when he was 72.

Peter was very devoted to his family and is survived by his daughters, Jenny McDonald and Sally Kilbey, and son John (Graham 1966) plus 8 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a loyal and trusted friend to many in Grahamstown and Cape Town.