



McBEAN, Duncan Mathie

Duncan McBEAN | 23 June 1934 - 9 Jan 2022

DUNCAN MATHIE² McBEAN (LACHLAN MOORE²) was born 23rd of June 1934 in Salisbury, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). He died 9 January 2022 at Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa. He married MARGARET ANN⁸ FLEMMER (OWEN JOHN⁷, MARIUS TOGER⁶, HANS CHRISTIAN⁵) born on 3 April 1940 in East London, South Africa in Blantyre, Malawi on 10 December 1966.

Written at Duncan's passing in 2022.

Born in Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe) at the family home in Montagu Avenue (now Josiah Chinamano Ave), Duncan Mathie McBean was the second son of Lachlan Moore McBean and Gertrude Laura Eileen McBean (nee O'Meara). His older brother, Lachlan, lived much of his adult life in the United States while Duncan returned after a brief time in London to join Shell Rhodesia where he met, and later married, Margaret Ann Flemmer, daughter of Owen and Heyla Flemmer.

He loved nature; the sea (especially a surf beach), the night sky (especially the moon), trees (especially jacarandas in flower), birds (especially hoopoes) and animals (especially Alfie the cat). But we know that he also loved all of us; we know because it showed and we felt it! We received it and we loved him back! We always will...

Duncan (or 'Digs' as he was known to his school chums at David Livingstone School, St George's and Prince Edward School) was a hard-working, devoted and much-loved family man. He faithfully brought up his two daughters, Nola and Carol, making sure that regular holidays were enjoyed in East London, South Africa, where many of Margie's extended family lived. Duncan was fondly known as 'Papa' to Marc and Danielle (Nola and Dean Herrmann's children) and as 'Gramps' to Gus and Caitlin (Carol and Billy Teeton's children) but to his Margs he was always 'Sweets'.

Duncan and Margie built their first home and, thirty years later, a lovely retirement home at Borrowdale Brooke in Harare, Zimbabwe, but the situation there at the turn of the century saw them build again. This time in Jeffreys Bay, South Africa; the coast they both loved so much.

There they involved themselves whole-heartedly in the life of their local parish, SAARPS and family activities. While being an old-school gentleman, Duncan was known for his cheeky sense of humour, impeccable punctuality and precise attention to detail (which made him a skilled handyman and meticulous auditor). Above all though, he was devoted to his family - he will be missed more than words can say!



Photo's taken over the years. More on following page.

