

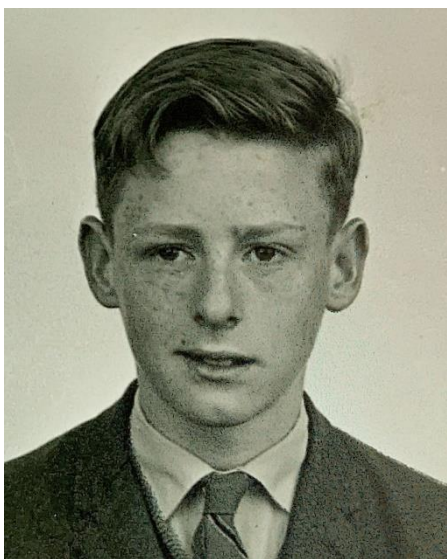


# MICHAEL JOHN SEXTON

17 January 1952 – 25 October 2020

Mausoleum Chapel at Woden Cemetery,  
Justinian Street, Phillip

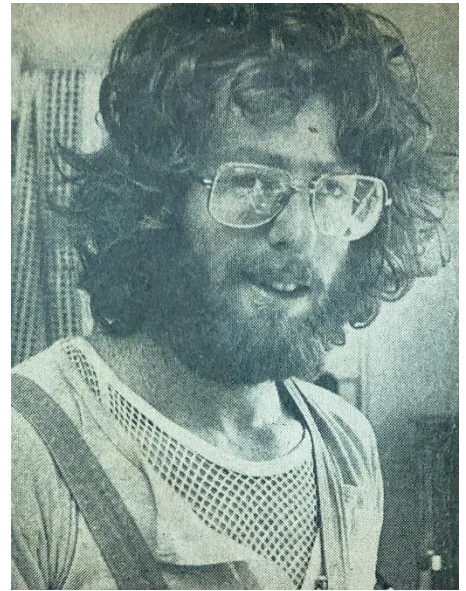
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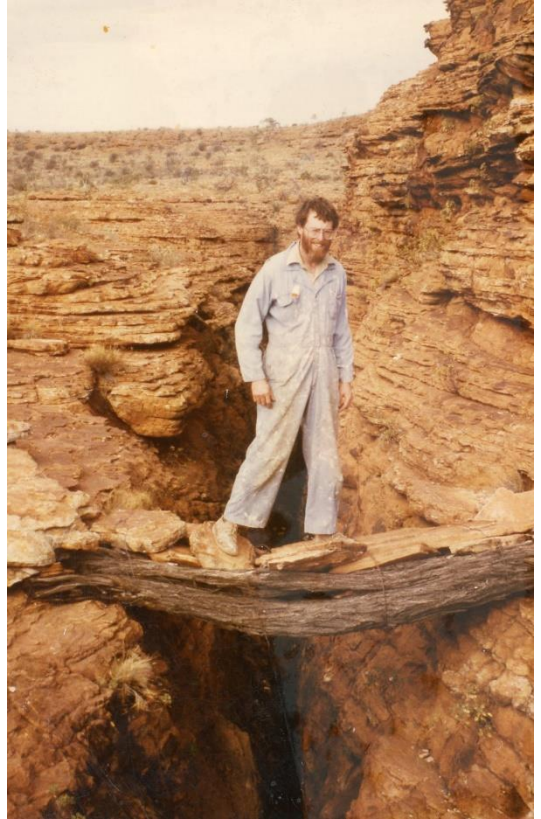
**Clockwise from top:** Michael as a baby 1952; Michael aged 2 months with his Mum, Joan 1952; Michael as teenager at St Bernard's.

## Order of Service

<b>Entry</b>	'Because I Love You' Masters Apprentices
<b>Welcome</b>	Ruth Sadlo
<b>Memories of Michael - Prepared by Shane Sexton</b>	Anthony Sexton
<b>Eulogy</b>	Michael Sexton
<b>Stories about Dad</b>	Olivia Sexton
<b>Reflection</b>	'Someone Like You' Van Morrison
<b>Ode to Michael John Sexton - by Cindy Sexton</b>	Chris Sexton
<b>Closing remarks</b>	Ruth Sadlo
<b>Recessional Music</b>	'Perhaps Love' John Denver with Placido Domingo



**Clockwise from top:** Michael with sister Tracey; Michael in Hawaii 1975; Michael's picture in *The Australian*, March 26 1977 during trip to Macquarie Island; Michael with penguin at Mawson base in Antarctica 1979; Michael outside ice cave in Antarctica 1979.



**Clockwise from top:** On survey in SA; On survey at Kings Canyon NT; On survey in Grafton; On marine survey – in port in the Philippines



**Clockwise from top:** Sheet and two pins party with Lorraine 1978; At Michael's parents 1981; Michael and Lorraine's wedding day 1982; Michael with brothers and sisters 2008; First meeting granddaughter Riley 20 Oct 2020. At Chris and Ellen's wedding in 2018. Awarded life membership of the Tuggeranong Bulldogs Junior Football Club 2005.

# Memories

Michael John Sexton, born 17 January 1952 in Melbourne Victoria to Michael 'Mick' Sexton and Joan (nee Stebbing) Sexton (both dec).

Mike was the oldest of 7 children. His brothers are Shane and Simon, his sisters Bronwyn, Tracey (dec), Cindy and Gabrielle. He grew up in Glenroy, Melbourne.

He attended Oak Park Primary School, Glenroy West Primary School, St. Bernard's College Junior School Moonee Ponds and St. Bernard's College Senior School West Essendon.

Mike was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1969 to complete a degree at the University of Melbourne. In 1973 he graduated with an honours degree in Science, majoring in Geophysics.

From 1974 to 1975 he attended the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA as a student for a Master's Degree in science. Michael did not complete this degree. He always said that without his family support (specifically his mother, Joan) he found it difficult to stay on task. He did spend his time helping others with their assessments for their own degrees.

Mike joined the Bureau of Mineral Resources (BMR) in 1976 and retired from Geoscience Australia (GA) 38 years later in 2014. His job provided the opportunity for him to visit many places in Australia and around the world.

He started his career as a geophysicist after seeing an advertisement for a position with the Australian Antarctic Division in the paper. He first went to sub-Antarctic Macquarie Island in 1977, he then continued his adventures at Mawson Base in Antarctica in 1979.

He met his wife Lorraine at Macquarie Hostel in 1977 and they married in 1982. They had four children Michael (b. 1982), Christopher (b. 1985), Anthony (b.1988), and Olivia (b. 1989). Mike was a father-in-law to Alice (m. 2011), Rebecca (m. 2015) and Ellen (m. 2018). In recent years, he became an adored grandfather to Clark (b. 2015), James (b. 2016), George (b. 2018), Thomas (b. 2019), and Riley (b. 2020).

He was an active member of the Tuggeranong Bulldogs Football Club and of the South Canberra-Tuggeranong Athletics Club. His valued efforts saw him achieve life membership with both clubs.

A memorial page has been set up by the family at [www.michaeljohnsexton.com](http://www.michaeljohnsexton.com)

Mike's family asks that you read and make a contribution about your memories of Mike for publication on this page.

Michael's family would like to thank you for coming today to reflect on his life.

At the conclusion of the service, the funeral cortege will proceed to Oak Boulevard for a private ceremony.

**This ceremony will be for family only.**

From 11:30am, you are invited to share refreshments and treasured memories of Michael with his family at:

**Top of the Cross, Southern Cross Club Woden, 92-96  
Corinna St, Phillip ACT 2606**

