

## **Frank Grayer**

Frank Grayer, who “went aloft” suddenly on July 29<sup>th</sup>. 2011 was a popular member of the club and, until a few years ago, a regular attendee. Born in Southampton, Frank was the son of a professional footballer and, almost certainly, it was this that led to his prowess at sport throughout his lifetime. He played football in school teams and later the Hampshire League and Southampton F.C reserves – to mention but a few.

Called-Up in 1946 and posted to Egypt he was immediately enlisted in the Army cricket team as a bowler – and later he was selected to play football for the Army.

On his discharge Frank rejoined the Ordnance Survey and it was then that he concentrated on his true sporting love – cricket – and his talents as a batsman and bowler were much in demand. Playing for the OS he took all ten wickets in an innings and later he scored 169 not out with none of his team mates reaching double figures. A lifetime supporter of Eastleigh Football Club he was appointed a Lifetime Vice-President of the club – and the same honour was bestowed upon him when he and his wife became members of Atherley Bowling Club. A member of the Southampton Touring Cricket Club he served as Team Manager, Chairman, President (and umpire) before joining the Master Mariners’ Cricket team where his prowess as a batsman and bowler were truly appreciated – and needed!

The membership of the Southampton Master Mariners’ Club extends its condolences to Teresa, Kim, Lee, Ian and Michael.