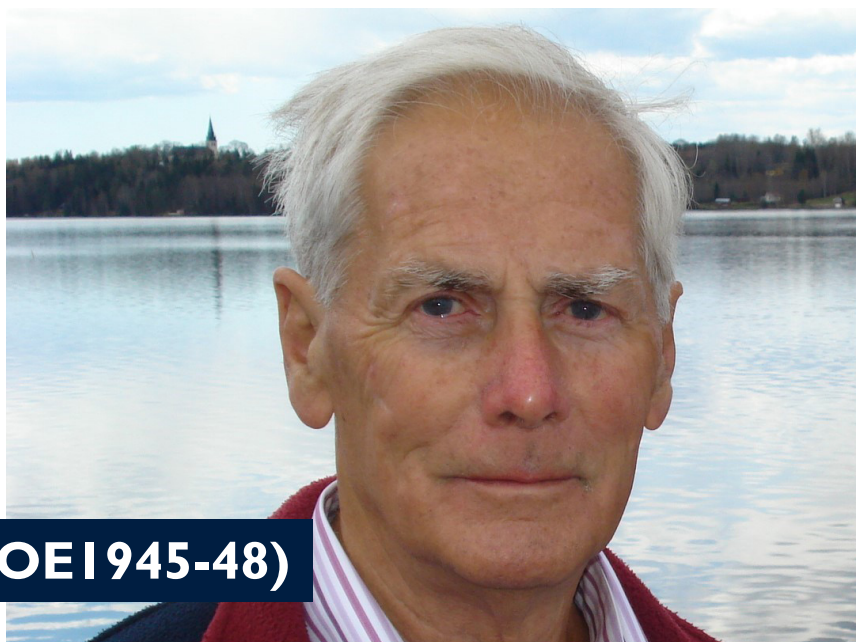


Obituary:

Trevor John Stremes (OEI 945-48)



Born in 1931, Trevor was one of two children with a twin brother Clive who also attended Emanuel School from 1945-48, before arriving at SWII the boys were evacuated during the Blitz to the relative safety of Stoke on Trent. Upon arrival the boys were placed in separate Forms but were both in Marlborough House until they left the school in 1948; *The Portcullis* magazine referred to them as "stalwarts of the House". The brothers were also members the OTC, completing both sections of the War Office Certificate "A".

Upon leaving Emanuel at 17, Trevor began working for the Bank of England alongside his brother Clive. After less than a year, Trevor was called up for National Service, and worked with the Royal Artillery in both Malta and Egypt between 1950 and late 1951. Whilst it was blistering hot during the day, it froze at night, a fact that Trevor was painfully aware of as he was guarding the Suez Canal! During this period, he was promoted to Lance Bombardier.



After two years in the army, Trevor returned home and resumed his job with the Bank of England, although he continued to serve in the Territorial Army for several more years and retained a strong affinity with the Royal Artillery, fulfilling the old saying "once a Gunner, always a Gunner".

Trevor steadily rose through the ranks at the bank to ultimately being Deputy Principal in the Chief Cashier's Department. During his time with the bank, Trevor enjoyed the social side it offered, for many years playing in the bank's rugby and cricket teams at their Roehampton sports club. Trevor worked at the bank for just over forty years before taking a well earned early retirement when he was 58.

Trevor met the love of his life, Nora, in 1953, when she came to stay with his family to watch the Queen's Coronation. Nora was Swedish and after a three-year courtship the couple married in her village church. The happy couple moved to Addington Village, where they remained for the next 16 years.

In 1960, Trevor became a father for the first time after the birth of Peter. Tonje arrived next, followed by James to make the family complete. Trevor was a natural dad who gave the children all the love and support they needed as they grew up. The family enjoyed many summer holidays in Sweden, staying with Nora's parents for weeks at a time. It was at these times that Trevor was at his most relaxed and jovial, whether it was helping on the farm, garden, picking fruit, walking in the woods or just sitting on the veranda laughing and

joking with Ragnar, his father-in-law. Nora's family home in Sweden was possibly the place he loved most.

Eventually, Trevor and Nora moved to Shirley Hills where they remained for 17 years. Upon Trevor's retirement in 1989, he and Nora relocated to Horsham for a slower pace of life. Trevor was delighted to become a granddad to nine grandchildren. He was always interested in what they had been up to very proud of all their achievements. More joy was to come into Trevor's life with the arrival of five great grandchildren and his son James noted that they were the legacy that he leaves to this world.

Trevor was a very kind, caring and considerate person who had a very good sense of humour and often had the glint of mischief in his eye. Trevor can truly be described as one of life's gentlemen and family meant everything to him. They were the centre of his life and he was the centre of theirs. Family events were always big affairs, whether it was Christmas or a birthday or wedding anniversary celebration. Nora and Trevor were fortunate to celebrate their Diamond Wedding with all the family in 2016 and were rarely apart from each other for over 63 years.

On 24th February 2020, Trevor passed away peacefully aged 88. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him but particularly by his wife Nora and children Peter, Tonje and James.