

## Athol Cedric Verdon 1925 – 2022

Sadly, Athol Cedric Verdon passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> August this year, aged 97 years (born 1925). Following the passing of his wife Sarah in 2020, he had been living independently at home with his dog, tending his garden, driving his car and reveling in the recent arrival of his second great-grandson when he contracted pneumonia on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. He was buried with his beloved Sarah at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Kellyville on 10<sup>th</sup> September.



After studying at Newcastle Boys High, Athol sat the NSW Public Service entrance exams and joined the Department of Education as a clerk. While serving in the RAAF during WW II, he met Sarah in Melbourne and they married in 1947. Athol returned to the Department where he spent his entire career, serving in Wagga, Sydney and Newcastle and retiring in 1985 as Deputy Secretary / Director of Finance

Athol was loved and respected by all who met him. He had an interest in family history and a wry, infectious sense of humor. Upon learning that his own home-birth had prevented his great-grandmother's funeral notice going in the paper, he grinned and said "Well, there you go. They told me I was a trouble-maker ... right from the start".