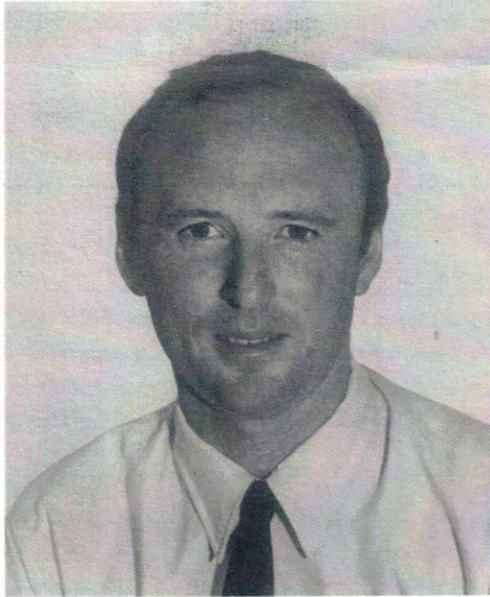


# In Loving Memory

## **Prof. Neville Waller Rees**

BSc (Hons I), PhD, CPEng, FIEAust, SMIEEE

30 November 1934 to 22 August 2023



## **Commemorative Service & Witnessing**

Midday, Friday, 12 April 2024

The Bush Gardens  
Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium  
199 Delhi Road, North Ryde NSW 2113

## TESTIMONIAL

Neville was born in Danygraig Road, Swansea, South Wales on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1934 to School Teacher William Rees and his wife Alice née Waller.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1940 his life was almost cut short by a bomb dropped on his childhood home during the Second World War.

Neville graduated from Swansea Grammar in 1956, and the University of Wales in 1963 with a PhD in Control Engineering.

Following employment by Rolls Royce, Neville moved to the National Physical Laboratory in London, where he met his future wife Bettye L'Estrange. As Neville liked to say their first child, David, was born on the day JFK died, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1963

The family moved to the United States in 1964 where Neville split his time between lecturing at the University of California, Los Angeles and participating in technology development for the US Navy at the Naval Weapons Test Centre, China Lake, California. According to Neville this was one of the happiest times in their life. Another son, Peter, arrived in December 1966.

In 1972 Neville and the family moved to Sydney, Australia where he took up a lecturing position at the University of NSW Department of Electrical Engineering. He would spend the rest of his career in the school inspiring the next generation of Control Engineers and rising to the position of Head of School before retiring in the early 2000s.

Neville authored fifty-seven papers in his long career, but felt his greatest achievement was living to see both grandsons graduate from Oxford University, one with a First, the other with a Rhodes Scholarship.

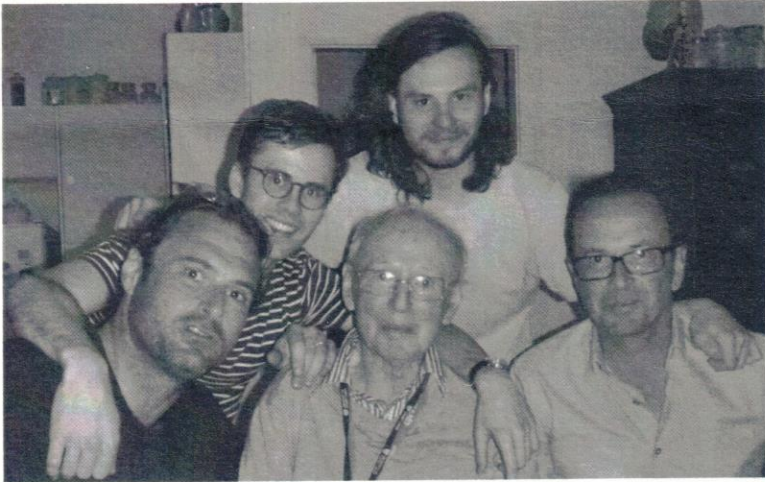
Neville was whimsical, generous, and always there with love that was total and unconditional. He never judged. He never punished. He had time for everyone. He is deeply missed.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

- Welcome to Country given by Neville's eldest son David Rees.
- The Welsh National Anthem.
- Eulogy by David Rees.
- Song 'Do you know the way to San Jose' by Dionne Warwick.
- Poem 'Leisure' by William Henry Davies read by daughter in law Joanne Leal on behalf of Neville's grandsons.
- The University of NSW Years by Prof. Victor Solo, Director of Research, School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications.
- Bible Reading, 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a read by Peter Rees, Neville's second son.
- Song 'If We Never Meet Again This Side Of Heaven' by Johnny Cash.
- Witnessing - Neville's ashes are placed with Bettye's.  
Attendees are welcome to deposit soil in honour of his memory.

Refreshments will be served at the  
Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens' Skyline Café at 1pm.

## Neville's Pride and Joy



Three generations of Rees men in happier times  
Peter, Michael, Neville, Sebastian and David Rees.