

SILVIO FERDINANDO BAGNARA

- S** is for Silvio but we all knew him as "Joe" As we have now learnt Mum spelt it "EGO"
- I** is for his Intelligence and he showed that to us all, from sparky to pathologist, radiologist, pilot and more.
- L** is for the love and loyalty he had to his wife. She was everything to him. 65 years together. She was his life.
- V** is the for Vacations that Dad and Mum took everywhere. By caravan, ship or plane they'd didn't really care.
- I** is for his Invention. It was called the Nav-Aid rule. An internationally recognised pilot navigation tool.
- O** is for organised and Dad was perfect at that game. Not a thing out of place, everything filed and labelled with his name.
- F** is for Father. He was a wonderful Dad, but God help us if we got caught doing anything bad!
- E** is for Enjoying all the things his family did. Often reminiscing with the things he got up to growing up as a Wonthaggi kid.
- R** is Radiologist. He developed his own X-rays. Something those specialists certainly wouldn't be doing today.
- D** is for Driving and he loved his new cars. All of them cleaned till they sparkled to be seen from afar.
- I** is for Interest and as we have learnt today, Dad was interested in everything and "maybe" what you had to say
- N** is for Numbers. Crunch them he could. Helping us out until we understood
- A** is for Accolades. His office the proof. Certificates everywhere from the floor to the roof
- N** is for Never. Dad was never wrong. Debating and questioning everything from science to a song.
- D** is for Dotting and he was so proud of all his Grand kids. Taking in great pleasure in all that they did.
- O** is for Outspoken. He certainly made it clear that what he had to say was important and you had to hear.

- B** is for Bagnara. Italian by birth. He couldn't spell to save himself and his spoken Italian even worse.
- A** is for Athletic. Now that's another one for the book. He always said his legs had never been used and perfect for it. Just take a look.
- G** is for Generous. His door was always open but one was always cautious not to be too outspoken.
- N** is for his Number Plate. "SIFEBA" donned the Merc. They now sit proudly on Harley's Tradie Truck covered in dirt.
- A** is for Appetite. Fruit and Veggies what a joke. We grew up thinking that you only ate potato and meat if you were a bloke.
- R** is for Robust. Dad with all the ailments that he had, managed to self-medicate and self-diagnose which he didn't think was too bad.
- A** is for Aviator. Dad you have taken your final flight. We love you dearly, sweet dreams and good night!

God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful he always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on earth again
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you the day God called you home