

I first met Ron when he was the fitter on a large job "Air Products" in New Malden

Jimmy Fall was the Charge hand, probably around 1969 /70 when I was looking after Ben Champions area. He happened to live near me in Orpington and I gave him a lift home on several occasions. I got to know him quite well. He was a conscientious engineer, and a talented artist.

He was a good man to have on a large job, as he had a good sense of humour and did drawings/cartoons /notices/of his workmates and kept their spirits up even when he was a bit down himself.

He was part of the team that I was lucky to supervise and I suppose we worked together for about 4 years.

At one time Ron painted a large landscape picture on the back a large piece of hardboard and brought it round to our house as a gift which we framed, it hung in the lounge.

Eventually he asked me if I could help him to move away from Orpington but stay with Otis, which I arranged with personnel, and he moved to the Isle of Wight on Service, Repairs, whatever, for a happier family life.

I held Ron in high regard, as a natural artist, genial, good-natured, and of course a very useful Lift man, it was good to have known him.

Johnny Nichols

I have fond memories of Ron working on construction in London and South in late 1960's and early 70's, a conscientious engineer who had a special sense of humour which always brightened your day, he was also a good artist which he usually combined with his humour to conjure up some fun drawings.

Later I met with Ron and family when he had moved to IOW where he became a Service Engineer and kept in touch via Xmas cards which were usually combined with humorous content. He is sadly missed.

Fred Goldsmith

Ronnie passed away on Saturday 31st October aged 87.

Beloved husband to June. Dearest Dad to David, Michael and Christopher and adored Granddad to his seven Grandchildren.

Ron was an excellent engineer who solved most problems whilst working on Service in Southampton and on the IOW.

He almost always brought a large smile with him. He was also a brilliant artist and sketcher and his time sheets always came with extra pieces of paper with sketches of strange machines and poems of all sorts. We always kept them in a folder in the office. He put a big notice up in the Southampton store - It's the wheel that squeaks that gets the oil.

Ron will be very much missed by all who knew him.

Submitted by Richard Hems

