

*To all of the CATS and Members of the Hunters Hill Rugby Club,*

*Tony filled our lives with an incredible presence and his passing has left us with an awful emptiness, both in our hearts and in our home. But the pain has been lessened, and recent months made more bearable, by the many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and extraordinary support we have received.*

*We will particularly cherish the memory of the compassionate, loving and dignified support Tony was shown during his illness, particularly those months nearing the very end of his life.*

*A special thank you must go to you all at Hunters Hill Rugby for your unwavering support to Brunno during his illness, and to our family following his passing. All flowers, cards and emails were greatly appreciated, and we will cherish all the messages of comfort and special memories of him that you passed on to us.*

*Your endless visits and messages of support whilst he was in and out of hospital gave Dad great strength and happiness, and was an eye opener for our family to see first hand the mateship that exists between you all. It was clear to us that Dad had a very special place in his heart for his extended Hillies 'family', a family built strong by loyal and longstanding friendships that have obviously developed over the years. He would speak often and fondly of hilarious moments shared with you all, on and off the football field, from younger days to recent tours. He would look forward to every get together.*

*We have had numerous comments from family and friends that The Guard of Honour you formed at his Funeral was the most moving and stoic tribute that many had ever seen, and his final send off to the Teddy Bears Picnic, was a fitting and memorable farewell, which we are sure made him leave with a smile. Our thanks also go out to you for your love and support in putting together the balloon tribute at Boronia Park at the start of this season, it was another gesture that we were both moved and amazed by.*

*I'm sure he watches over you all at your Golden Oldies matches with a Tooheys in hand, and on Saturdays he can be found running up and down the sideline- most probably yelling words of advice (or abuse, it was never really clear..)!  
We are glad to see that Sylvester continues to wear his hat.*

*With heartfelt thanks,  
Georgie Brunson, on behalf of Cynthia, Chris and Stuart.*

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the World a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded! -Emerson

*Anthony Charles Brunson*

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