

Obituary - Dick Rowe

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Dick Rowe on Thursday 17th September aged 82 years.

Dick joined the force on amalgamation in 1971 at HMNB Devonport and within his first 2 years became a CID Aide moving to CID at Devonport. In 1977 he was promoted to Detective Sergeant at Colchester becoming the senior detective officer there.

In 1980/1981 he moved to CID Malvern where he remained until being promoted to Detective Inspector at CID Chilwell on 1st July 1984. It is noted that on his second day at the station he was the Senior MDP CID officer on duty when there was a major MDP/Notts/Essex policing operation (remember this was around the time of the miners strike and resources were limited) involving a CND demonstration where 150 were detained. Large sections of fencing were pulled down along with confrontation between demonstrators and police.

Dick later moved to Portsmouth CID and then to Stafford as Detective Chief Inspector. While at Stafford he conducted a detachment at HQ in charge of the Intel unit. During his career in CID Dick was involved with various major investigations overseas and on board ships at sea.

Having completed 26 years service Dick retired from the Force in 1997 while serving at Devonport. As a member of the ROA Dick and wife Valerie regularly attended the annual reunions.

Dick is survived by Valerie and Mark his surviving son. His daughter, Tina, predeceased him. He has two granddaughters by Mark and two grandsons by Tina.

Dick's funeral service was held Wednesday 30th September 2020 in the Chapel, Ford Cemetery, Plymouth.