

Obituary

Andy Burnside



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Andy Burnside, 90 years on 24th September 2025.

Andy joined the Admiralty Constabulary in August 1962 and began his police career at HMNB Rosyth. His collar number was 3337. While at Rosyth he spent some time as an aide to CID and undertook detached duties to Coulport and Faslane.

In 1973 Andy gained promotion to Sergeant which meant a transfer to RNAD Beith where he served until 1982 before moving to RNAD Crombie. Andy retired from the force in 1995 having completed 33 years' service.

During his service Andy was active in the Defence Police Federation serving on the Northern Regional Committee then the Management Committee at national level being elected to the position of National Vice Chair in 1984/85.

Andy, also well known for being a Piper was a member of Burntisland Pipe Band and Irvine Pipe Band and played many engagements all over Scotland and Canada.

In retirement he and wife Annie led an active social life locally and travelled quite extensively enjoying life to the full. In addition, they both joined the ROA and were strong supporters attending the annual reunions over many years. On a few occasions Andy delighted members when he played the pipes at the annual reunion gala dinners held in Edinburgh.

Andy is survived by wife Annie, son Stephen and daughter Angela along with two grandchildren Laura and Kieran and two great grandchildren Remi and Aria.

Andy's funeral will be held Thursday 9th October 2025 at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Dunfermline KY11 4QZ followed by burial at 11.30am at Dunfermline Cemetery KY12 7RA.