

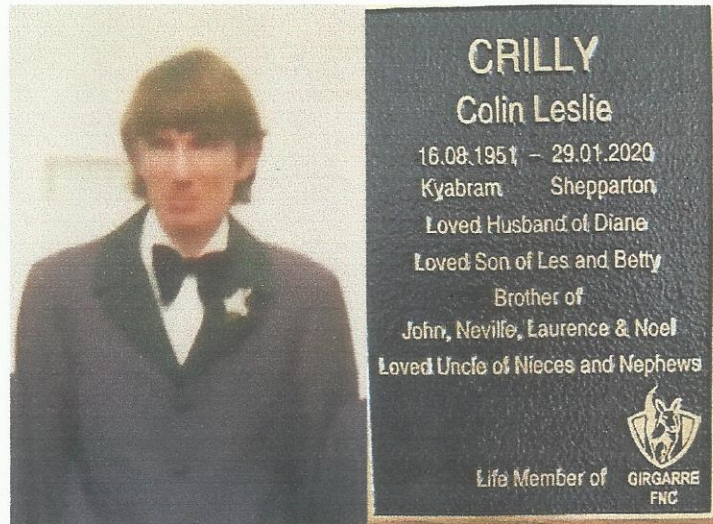
## Colin Leslie CRILLY – OBITUARY

Born Kyabram 16/8/1951. Died Shepparton 29/1/2020.

*Rushworth Cemetery Niche in Memorial Wall Sect 2 Row B8.*

Colin was the 2<sup>nd</sup> eldest of 5 boys born to Les and Betty Crilly of Kyabram. Brothers are John, Neville, Laurence and Noel. He was born at the Kyabram Bush Nursing Hospital and attended Kyabram's Haslem St Primary School and Kyabram High School. The family resided at 287A Allan St Kyabram.

Colin in 1969 gained employment with the Girgarre Cheese Factory and was appointed Paymaster in 1978. It would be this Girgarre work connection that would become the catalyst for his lengthy involvement on committee and the eventual awarding of *Life Membership with the Girgarre Football Netball Club*. A transfer from Girgarre workplace to Nestle Tongala eventually had Colin resigning in 1983 and moving to Melbourne and working for the Department of Finance. A variety of jobs then followed. For many years a warehousing and distribution position with Maria George Company and in 2002 he established business as a sole operator courier delivering vehicle parts around the city of Melbourne and suburbs.



Colin was a keen darts player and in Melbourne played all year round with much success in the clubs and pubs competitions. He loved his billiards and snooker and with football followed Essendon in the AFL and Sandringham in the VFA. Colin an avid punter would probably look back and concede that he has supported many bookies and their families over the years. Sure he had some memorable wins but the regular losses are not so well known.

Colin in 1990 and at 39 years of age married Diane and they resided in St Kilda until she passed away in 2006 and he then lived alone. Colin by his early 60's was frail, had eyesight issues and limited employment. In 2015 he moved back to Kyabram, renewing old friendships, getting with mates around the pool table and watching his beloved Girgarre Football club. With his car licence relinquished he purchased a scooter and socially was out with senior groups on bus trips and other activities.

Following a fall on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, Colin was conveyed firstly to Kyabram Hospital and then Shepparton Hospital where he subsequently developed a fever, infection and became unresponsive to visitors and passed away just 9 days later on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Colin was a relatively quiet, selfless and compassionate bloke and will be sadly missed by many. Colin was cremated wearing his beloved Girgarre Football club polo shirt and vest and Essendon Football cap. **RIP Col.**