Terrance Charles (TC) Curley
25 February 1947 – 13 October 2014

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Terry Curley died on 13 October. His funeral was held at Sandgate on Friday 17 October. Those from his military past include members of the 4th Field Regiment (SVN) Old Boys, including the then Battery Commander, Keith Hall, Kevin and Judy Nash, Peter Dobbs, Mick Long, Lance Grimstone and Sandi & Brian Swift. There were a few of Terry's relatives there also and some of his more recent friends. It was also good to see a fair contingent of his Army mates from his second period of Army life in Transport Corps in Brisbane.

TC was born in Charleville, western Queensland in 1947 and moved to Brisbane in the mid-50s. He attended school there and worked until joining the Army in 1968. He arrived at Lavarack Barracks where he was employed as driver in 4th Field Regiment. He served in Headquarter Battery in Vietnam and was always well liked for his happy disposition and his easy habit of erupting into loud laughter at the drop of a hat. After Vietnam, he was posted to Singapore with 106th Field Battery as part of 28ANZUK Field Regiment. TC was a great social member of the battery and played with the premiership winning team the 106 Battery Bombers in the local Australian Football competition.

After returning to Australia in 1973, TC transferred to the Corps of Trucks and saw out the rest of his 20 years in and around Brisbane-based transport units. He retired in 1988 as a sergeant, remaining in Brisbane in various jobs until a combination of illnesses forced him into retirement. He was eventually placed in a high care facility at Sandgate until his not unexpected death on 13 Oct. After the funeral service, all the ex-soldiers present formed an honour guard to say a final farewell to a good mate.

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