



Geoffrey Revell

Geoffrey Revell, founder and principal of Bellsham Pipe Organs, passed away on 18 September in East Sussex, UK, where he migrated in the late 1990s. Geoff had suffered from diabetes and related illnesses for the past few years. He was diagnosed with a small, inoperable cancerous tumour earlier this year and made a farewell visit during July to visit family and friends in Victoria and WA. Despite him believing he had about 6 months left, apparently he became quite ill and disoriented on his return home, was almost immediately admitted to hospital and hospices, and had a quick and comparatively painless passing.

Geoff is survived by his wife Jennifer (UK) and sister Jean (WA).

Geoff would be remembered by many members because of his strong views on organs, organ building, liturgy and choral training under the RSCM systems and methods. During the 80s and 90s he developed solid state circuitry systems that continue to be used internationally in 3, 4 and 5-manual instruments.

Geoff had been actively pursuing his organ building in the UK when he "retired" there, and continued to be a regular church organist for a number of churches - sometimes playing 3 services in different localities per day. In recent years he had slowed down a little, maintained a strong interest in computing and electronics, developed a full scale, computerised model railway replica of a local railway systems, and was the regu-

lar organist at the Mayfield Church in Uckfield, East Sussex.

There will be many former organists, students and parishioners who think back fondly of some occasion where Geoff had a positive and lasting influence on their development and life.

Andrew Foote



Organs built and/or restored by Geoffrey Revell for WA are:

St. Mary's, West Perth	1978 - 1981	2 manual 7 ext ranks.
Free Reformed Church, Armadale	1978 - 1985	2 manual 15 stops.
Church of the Holy Trinity, New Norcia	1978	2 manual 34 stops.
Perth College, Mt. Lawley.	1979	2 manual 12 stops
Church of the Good Shepherd, South Stirling.	1981	1 manual 2 ext ranks.
Wesley College, South Perth	1981	3 manual 42 stops.
St. John's, Northam	1982	2 manual 11 stops.
First Church of Christ Scientist, Perth.	1983	3 manual 38 stops.
Oratory Chapel, New Norcia	1983	2 manual 11 stops.
University of WA, Crawley.	1985	2 manual 8 stops.
Church of the Good Shepherd, Kelmscott.	1985	2 manual 7 stops.
St. Margaret's, Nedlands.		2 manual 6 ext ranks
The Basilica of St. Patrick, Fremantle	1988 - 1990	4 manual 66 stops. 2 manual 10 stops.
Private residences, Kalamunda.	1990	2 manual 7 stops 2 manual 3 stops.
St. John's, Fremantle	1990 - 1993	3 manual 36 stops.
Christ Church, Claremont.	1992 - 1993	3 manual 36 stops.