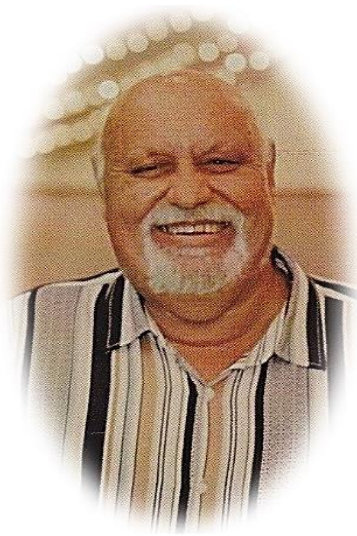




DOMENICO BONO

18-03-1952 to 11-03-2023

Domenico (Dom) Bono was born on March 18th 1952 at King Edward Maternity Hospital, Perth, Western Australia. Dom's mother, Norma, nee Fiora and father Giuseppe had fled war torn Italy to start a new life half a world away.

Neither Norma nor Giuseppe spoke English so Dom had to learn the language on his own. As it is with young children it didn't take long for Dom to master the language and become his parents' English teacher, then after a few years Dom was joined by his only sibling Rosemary.

Dom started primary school at the local Catholic school, St Josephs but after year four he was enrolled in Christian Brothers Victoria Park. Riding to school was the norm in those days and although Dom should have stayed with the older boys he much preferred to do his own thing, this was very frustrating for his mother as he would often leave his shoes somewhere or come home wet and muddy after playing in some storm water drain or local wetland.

On one occasion he fell from his bike and collided head first into the ground, Norma was distraught as he had to spend the night in hospital with concussion.

Dom was always successful at school and completed his secondary education to year twelve at Cannington High School where he met Peter Galvin, soon to be his best friend, and were amongst the first intake at Cannington High and enjoyed many adventures together on their way to and from school.

They also shared a love of hockey and played in many competitions together, Dom was usually the goalie which demonstrated his bravery and dedication. They often borrowed Peter's father's scooters, a Vespa or Lambretta to get to training via bush tracks and back roads.

Having a neighbourhood with lots of kids, open spaces and quiet roads meant there was lots of interaction and socialising. This allowed Dom to 'drop in' at meal times and score a free feed, then he would go home, enjoy a second and sometimes a third dinner, he did love his food.

Dom had a life long desire to 'help out' which saw him elected to the committee of most of the clubs he joined. With his banking background this usually meant treasurer, as with the Riley Club, but he was also team manager for the Blades Hockey Club.

Upon leaving school Dom commenced working for Westpac. His service saw him employed in Pingelly, Kalgoorlie, Northam, Moora and several locations in the Perth suburbs. He also worked for local government in the Shire of Pingelly, Town of Mosman Park and the City of Canning.

Throughout his working life Dom was very well respected and built lifelong friendships.

In 1985 Dom married Swee Chin Thoo at Uncle Dominic's Function Centre in Northbridge, the couple were blessed with three beautiful daughters, Cristina Mei Lin Bono 1985, Giulia Soo Lin Bono 1988 and Amelia Ai Lin Bono 1993, unfortunately the marriage didn't last but Dom and his daughters always remained very close.

Dom's early adventures around the drains of East Cannington must have whetted his appetite for travel and exploring as he loved nothing better than going on holiday.

He had toured through Europe with mates from the bank and later met his family in Italy where they had many adventures in the mountains above Lake Como and on another trip Dom joined the family in Italy via the Trans-Siberian Railway.

There were also regular trips to Bunbury, some adventures across the Nullarbor with good mate Peter Galvin including one in Peter's RMA Riley and when Peter handed the wheel to Dom he was initially horrified by the cross-ply tyres that followed the ruts rather than the road. They had a series of adventures including a very happy one after Dom won money on the pokies in Tailem Bend.

Driving the Riley can't have been too bad because when Dom drove Rob Faulk's Riley Pathfinder he was so impressed he bought it, thus starting his membership with the Riley Club of Western Australia. Dom was a regular at club events and was the club treasurer from 2011 until, due to ill health, he was forced to retire in 2023. Dom was a much loved and respected member of the club.

At Dom's funeral his sister, Rosemary, fittingly summed up her eulogy this way;

Dom was a good friend to many. He formed lifetime friendships with his school mates and work colleagues. He was always ready to help out joining clubs and committees such as the Hockey club and the Riley club

Dom loved meeting people and making friends. He always saw the good in others and was calm and peaceful towards everyone.

He was my gentle giant and most of all he loved his family.

He touched many lives and I know that his memory will live on in all of us especially in his cherished daughters.