

**Anthony Edward Wray**

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**Obituaries**

**Mr. Tony Wray**

A RETIRED chartered accountant, who formed an accountancy firm in Ryde, has died aged 67.

Tony Wray, of Rushclose. Shanklin, died on December 22, following a short illness.

Mr. Wray, elder of two sons to Edward and Doris Wray, was born in Caversham, Berkshire, and moved to the Island, aged ten. He was educated at Bembridge CE School and Sandown Grammar School.

While working for Strettons Accountancy, in Freshwater, he became a fully qualified member of the Association of Chartered Accountants, aged just 22.

Mr. Wray then lived in London, Southampton and the New Forest, before returning to the Island in 1974, when he joined Hooks Accountants, Newport.

In the early Nineties, Mr. Wray formed Taylor and Wray Accountancy with his colleague, Peter Taylor, in Ryde, first in Marlborough Road and later, in Melville Street.

He retired in 2006 but held honorary roles in IW organisations.

Mr. Wray was an avid sports fan and played football and cricket on the Island at junior and senior levels.

He represented the IW senior cricket team in the Seventies and made many lifelong friends at his beloved Newport Cricket Club.

He was also a devoted supporter of Southampton FC.

He was an accomplished golfer and for more than 30 years was a member of Osborne Golf Club, where he won the club championship in 1968. He joined Sandown and Shanklin Golf Club, in 1999.

Mr. Wray married Ann Thurston in 1972 and had three children, Christopher, Vanessa and Andrew.

He leaves his partner, Brenda Connery, his children and grandchildren Olivia, Amelie, Polly, Elliott, and his brother, Nick Wray.

His funeral will be held at Newport Minster, on Monday, January 13, at 1pm. junior and senior level.

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