

## **AN OBITUARY - ROBERT AND RITA DUNNETT**

I am so sorry to have to report the passing of both Rita and Robert Dunnett within six weeks of each other. They will be remembered with great affection by all who knew them.

Both succumbed directly or indirectly to cancer. Robert was in hospital and contracted pneumonia. He died on May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2020.

Robert was responsible for obtaining the lease initially on the top floor of the Control Tower and with many other dedicated volunteers it was opened as an aviation museum in September 2000.

He has been our vice chairman for all of that time and his special interest was the development of our Control Tower museum.

We made contact with American members of the USAAF 356th Fighter Group and Robert was a great ambassador when they came back to visit us. With other society members he twice flew out to the United States to attend their reunions and made many friends.

Robert, or Bob to many of us, had that rare quality of making everybody he met feel a special friend and it was always a pleasure to be in his company. We will remember him for his humour and even his endless supply of jokes!

My late wife and I have known Robert and Rita since the seventies. Our children grew up together and we enjoyed several long weekend breaks in our respective caravans.

Rita had suffered from cancer since the eighties and has had many years of poor health borne with great fortitude. Robert has also endured cancer these last few years.

Our thoughts go out to his family at this unprecedented time when they were unable to visit Robert in hospital.

They leave two children, Mark and Jane. Four grandchildren and four great grand children, with another one on the way. Robert was 84 and Rita 80 years of age.

**Alan Powell.**