

**JOHN "CRASH" EVANS**

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(Crash)



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**John was a very fine family man and friend, which is demonstrated by the love and unity of those gathered here today.**

**He did however, have another family and that was the Portland Branch of the Royal Naval Association. Always known as Crash the meaning of which probably has many origins, but I like to think it is because he crashed into our lives with an explosion of colour from those shirts he wore, engaged us with his gregarious personality and brightened our lives with that cheeky and mischievous grin. **MAGIC****

**During his time in the Navy he proved to be a talented boxer, this rubbed off on us, if only from the outside of the ring, attending many dinners with him in support of local clubs.**

**In the later years, he developed his acting skills to be a major part of our team performing in the Chairman's Concerts during the RNA Area re-union Rallies. Often in front of large audiences, something he thrived on. **MAGIC****

Less talented was his ability to sing, - one rendition was about a dog he had, as I recall he never owned a dog at all! It could be that the song was in reference to a certain holiday, a bar stool and a dog with a broken leg! But that's another story. **MAGIC**

Crash was a prolific writer of poems and songs, he was often to be found with a scrap of paper and a stub of pencil jotting away. Unfortunately or maybe fortunately none of these works were ever published. Even so I think the booker prize committee missed a potential candidate. **MAGIC**

A true gentleman in every meaning of the word, he would give you his last penny, - as long as Jan had her purse open! **MAGIC**

You may have noticed I have throughout, used the term **MAGIC**, this was a word Crash often used to describe something that was Good, Enjoyable, Compelling and Entertaining.

Sub-consciously I think he was describing himself. - **MAGIC - in every way.**

He leaves us with many good memories, which we will toast, of course, with a glass of "redders".



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