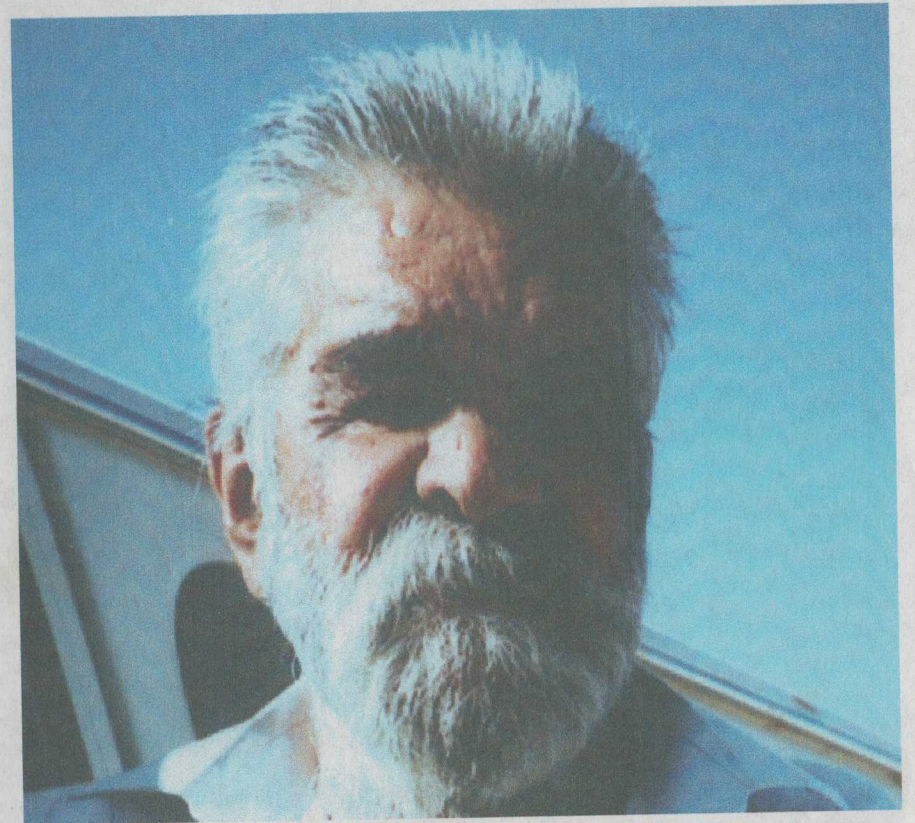
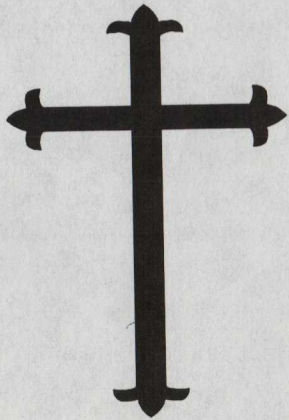


He spent his early years growing up at Davenport Reserve in the home there and as a young man he traveled extensively around Australia sinking bores, shearing (QLD, SA) working on the railways, greasing belts at Iron Knob, Minnipa, Millicent and Ceduna.

Raymond would often walk to his next shearing job especially up north between the 'Twins' and 'Ingomar' Station, living off the land following the waterholes.

The greatest testimony to Raymond John Wingfield is the respect and high regard held of him by his associates, the wider community, his friends and family who will miss his strength, wisdom and great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed, but the family also wish to honor his passing and remember his uniqueness, commitment to family and the respect he held for 'country'. Rest in peace.

The Wingfield family thank all those who have expressed their sympathy in this time of sorrow.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RAYMOND JOHN WINGFIELD  
1ST JANUARY 1932 - 11TH  
SEPTEMBER 2002.

Raymond John Wingfield (Snr), born at Whyalla on the 1st January 1932. He was the eldest son of William and Mary Wingfield (both deceased), He is brother to William (deceased), Donald (deceased), Peter, Andrew, Thelma, Joyce, Dulcie (deceased), Judy (deceased), Laurel (deceased).

Loving husband of Eileen Wingfield and former partner Sheila Amos.  
Father of Raymond John (Jnr), Stanley and Winnie,  
Grandfather to Tyron, Jaylon, Kieran, Cody, Jeconan and Chantelle.

He will be greatly missed by both his natural and extended family including his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His love for Eileen was well known as was his ability to love everyone.

Raymond was a highly respected man he was also a stepfather/uncle to many nieces and nephews who regarded him as their father. He was extremely close to Eileen's children (Marlene, David, Joan, Rebecca, Janice, Judy, Glen) as well as Sheila's children (Janet, Julie, Peter and Maria). Together they both shared the joys of growing up their combined families, which saw them upholding a strong commitment to the continued passing down of both a Arabunna and Kokatha heritage to all of their family. His last days were sent with Judy and Jerry, his extended family in Port Augusta.

Before his illness Raymond had lived in Coober Pedy where he enjoyed the lifestyle and was able to spend time with his mates up north.

His many friends will remember him as (Rattlebones or Honest John). A favorite pastime was his passion for a good yarn, a cold beer and Slim Dusty.

Many stories have been told about his adventures with his mates (brothers) old Glen, Frank, Reg and Richard Reid, Archie Baednoch, Archie Barton and Yundu Spider in their wild days as young men.

It was a testimony to Raymond Wingfield that few outside of his family knew of his achievements, long service and strong advocacy for Aboriginal Human Rights as well as his commitment to the Kokatha peoples struggle for recognition. He served on the Board of CAAMA (Central Australia Aboriginal Media Association) in Alice Springs as one of the Directors. Whilst serving as a Director he was instrumental in the awarding of the first television license to an Aboriginal organization and the establishment of Imparja Television. This is just one example of the type of work Raymond undertook during his lifetime.

Raymond was the Chairperson of the Kokatha Mula Association (Coober Pedy), a founding member of the Kokatha People's Committee. A Board member of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Wami Kata, the National Federation of Land Councils. He was a Kokatha consultant working on Native Title matters, the preservation of heritage sites. He traveled through his old peoples country sleeping under the stars, teaching people his knowledge.

In 1972, he traveled to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy when it was first established, with his wife Eileen to protest for the Human Rights of Aboriginal people. He help to establish a protest at Canegrass with Max Thomas and Richard Reid. He found inspiration for his work from his old people's teaching's. He opposed the establishment of the Woomera Rocket range, Nurrungar Space Base and more recently the nuclear waste dump proposal, all of which are on his grandparents land.