

*In Loving Memory of
Lance Coulthard*



20th March 1941 – 5th January 2001

Lance Coulthard:

Passed away peacefully on Friday 5th January, 2001 at Whyalla Hospital.

Lance was born at Nepabunna on the 20th March 1941, the most beloved son of Andrew (dec) and Dolly Coulthard.

Lance began his education at Nepabunna. The family left Nepabunna around 1953 when his father found employment at Leigh Creek. Lance continued and finalised his education at Copley. After leaving school he found employment at Leigh Creek Coalfields.

Around 1958 he moved to Adelaide and found employment at the Islington Railway workshop. However Adelaide wasn't his scene and he returned to Port Augusta.

Lance married Barbara Forrest and together they settled in Cook, where Lance had found employment with the South Australian Railways.

In 1977 Lance became one of only two Aboriginal Field Officers with the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement when they opened their offices in Port Augusta. He had the respect of the Lawyers he worked for, both for his honesty, dedication and the integrity he exercised assisting communications between Lawyers and Clients. He and his Aboriginal co-worker carried the office for eight months in 1979-80.

As a young man Lance mastered the art of boxing. He was a well respected Golden Gloves man. These skills he passed on to many of his kin.

Lance loved music – particularly Slim Dusty – he was adept at both guitar and accordion.

Lance was a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church in Port Augusta. Lance was a unique individual. He had an astute mind. He was a member of various Aboriginal Committees in Port Augusta. His talent for interpreting the status of Aboriginal people was highly valued. He had a great sense of humour and fun – many of his pranks will go down in history.

Ill health put him in a wheelchair, nevertheless he had a philosophical attitude to his Condition. He enrolled in IAFE. He purchased a computer and bombarded Politicians, Mining Companies and others with his knowledge and his interpretations of their shortcomings. Lance had a strong sense of Adnyamathahna heritage and culture. He protested strongly against the Beverly Mines. His fight was to honour the proud and rich tradition of a valuable legacy which was passed down. Let us rest assured that his fighting spirit has returned from whence it came. Lance was first and foremost a family man, he dearly loved and was proud of his children. We mourn his passing but also celebrate his life.

Lance is survived by his mother Dolly, sister Renee, Brothers Anthony and Dennis. Children – Deanna, Clive, Damien, Naomi, Lance Jr, Zeta and Rena, and foster daughter Cherie. And twelve Grandchildren.

Until we meet again...



*Peacefully Laid to Rest
Stirling North Garden Cemetery*

*After a service in the Lutheran Church
on Friday 12th January
at 10-30am*

Rev. Neil Hampnel officiating.

Rest in Peace

*W.B. Mortlock & Sons A.F.D.A.
Funeral Directors, Port Augusta.*