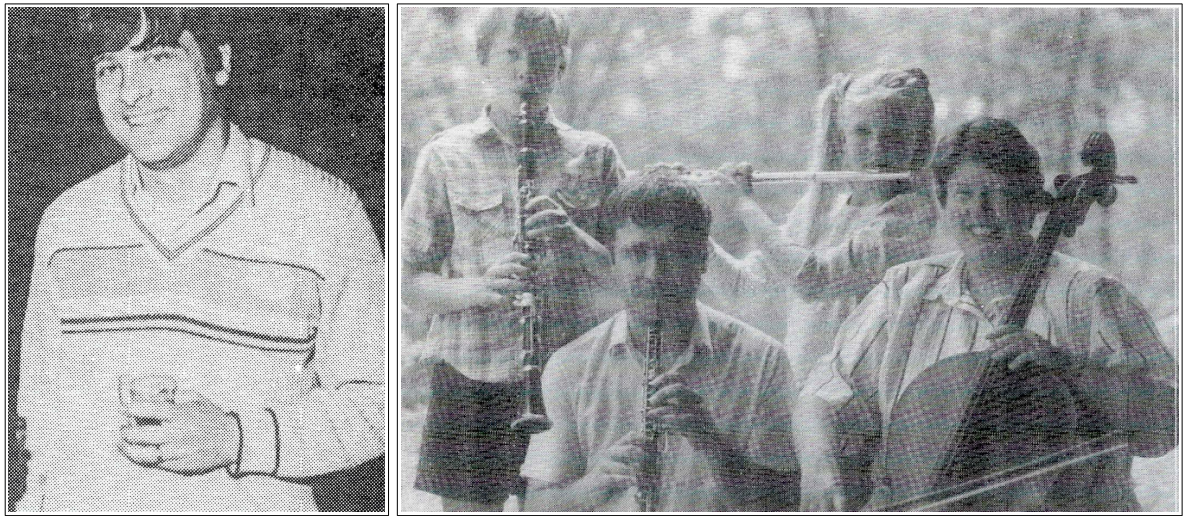


Roger Briggs (13.08.1950 – 18.08.2024)
- based on Campbell Hunt's obituary



Roger was born in Melbourne, the third of 3 boys, to an intensely musical family living in Oakleigh. He was a musical prodigy playing the piano, and in 1964, won a musical scholarship to attend Wesley College in Prahran.

He became the school pianist remarkably early, I think in year 9, which was unheard of at the time, as it was usually reserved for the best Year 12 student. He was also active in the school orchestra with the clarinet, and was planning a career in a caring profession, given his strong Christian beliefs (Methodist/ Uniting Church).

Roger commenced medicine at Monash in 1969 and graduated in 1974. Soon after, he married Bo Meredith, an architecture student who he met through their mutual interest in music and the Methodist Youth Choir.

After further postgraduate study, Roger (and Bo) finally settled in the Ovens Valley township of Myrtleford working as a rural GP with Peter Broughton, the pair doing all the after hours calls for the district whilst at the Standish Street surgery for nearly 30 years.

Roger and Bo had two children: David a physiotherapist, and Ngaire a primary teacher, both of whom now live nearby in rural Victoria.

They were very active in their rural community, passionate about nature photography, their beloved Mt Buffalo National Park, camping in their VW Kombi van, their musical groups, and their Christian faith.

Quite unexpectedly 18 years ago, Roger had a seizure at home with residual hand weakness, and was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour needing surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy. He was unable to work thereafter, but still managed to play the piano, specialising in one-handed pieces for a while!

A slow deterioration followed, and despite still being able to enjoy his family and their music and nature interests, Roger spent the last 5 years in a nursing home environment where he died peacefully on 18 August 2024.