

Thank you

We would like to sincerely thank our family and friends for the kindness, support, and care shown to us following John's passing.

Having you there to share stories, memories, and moments from John's life meant a great deal to us. Your presence helped make his farewell a very special and fitting tribute to a much-loved man.

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JOHN WILLIAM OFFICER

04.07.1949 — *14.09.2026*

John's Story



Born in Riverton in 1949, to Gordon Brown and Isabella Margaret Officer as second youngest of 6 children.





Grew up on a family farm in Emmerdale, before moving to Mossburn.

During his school years, he discovered a natural talent for practical and outdoor activities and developed a keen interest in rugby that never left him.







With a heavy influence from older brothers Charlie and Merv, he grew a keen interest in hunting in his early years.



At age 19, he went to Australia in pursuit of gaining new experiences, while shearing his way across Australia.



Met Alwyn in his mid-twenties and got married in 1975, and shortly after began his farming career taking over the family farm at Aparima.







In 2019, John became a Grandfather of Georgia, followed in 2021 with Hugo.





In 1977 Mathew was born, in 1979 Simon was born. In 1982 Geoffrey was born.



In 2001, he met Kanya for the first time and formed a strong friendship and they became partners.





In 2025, after 40 years of talking about the same trip to Australia, he returned with Kanya to realise the place had changed a lot.







