

Death Notice: Graeme Kevin Holbrook (1947–2026)

It is with great sadness that the SA Fire Service Retirees Association announces the passing of our respected colleague and friend, Graeme Kevin Holbrook. Graeme passed away on June 4, 2026, at the age of 78.

Graeme joined the SAMFS in 1974, dedicating his career to serving the community with distinction. Throughout his service, he was a familiar face at several stations, including Semaphore, Largs, Elizabeth, and Adelaide. Serving as a Senior Fireman, he was highly regarded for his professionalism and expertise.

Many will remember Graeme for his specialized knowledge of the Port River and his adept skills on the water, which he utilized to assist in numerous challenging maritime incidents. His dedication was perhaps most notably demonstrated during the complex and demanding fuel tanker fire on the Birkenhead Bridge, a testament to his courage and commitment to the job.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Memorial Service Details

A memorial service to celebrate Graeme's life and service will be held:

Date: June 26, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Embrace Funerals, 143 Daws Rd, St Marys SA 5042

Following the service, tea and coffee will be provided.

Please RSVP:

The family would appreciate an indication of numbers for catering purposes. If you are planning to attend, please email your confirmation to admin@safsra.com.au.

Lest we forget.

RIP Graeme

A beautiful tribute to Graeme Holbrook From his daughter Susan

With great difficulty, I am writing this post. My heart is absolutely broken, but I realise there may be people here who can reach others that I cannot.

My dad took his last breath on Thursday as I lay with my head on his chest, in his arms.

Yes, he was a little eccentric and sometimes said things he probably shouldn't have, but he was my dad, and I loved him immensely.

As a young child, I remember watching him underneath a car or hammering metal on his anvil in his blacksmith shop. In my eyes, there was no one stronger.

He fought tirelessly for us children when we were young and suffered greatly in doing so. Nevertheless, he was my lighthouse. My childhood with him was filled with buried treasure hunts, Ford Customline Club trips, helping build the One and All sailing vessel, and visits to the Fire Brigade where he worked, along with countless other wonderful memories.

He carried an incredible wealth of knowledge, particularly about the old ways of doing things. I often felt he had been born in the wrong era, and I was always fascinated by the stories and wisdom he shared.

Our bond was undeniable, and there will never be another like him.

Graeme Kevin Holbrook

01•08•1947 – 04•06•2026

Forever loved. Forever remembered

