

David was always adamant that there should be no eulogy at his funeral – ‘I don’t want anyone standing up and saying things about me!’...but a few brief notes may be of interest.

David was born the fifth son of The Revd Canon Brinley and Evelyn Morgan on March 1st 1935 – St David’s Day – a fortnight late...‘I was waiting for the right day!’ His arrival occasioned the family’s move from Highams Park to Hockley in Essex where he stayed until he married.

Eventually there were eight children and family life was energetic, ordered but happy and secure. There were many family traditions, legendary cricket matches and competitions. The children were what is now known as ‘home schooled’ until the age of eight (father and BBC schools broadcasts, apparently). David followed his older brothers to St Edmund’s School, Hindhead – a very formative and influential time of his life – and then St John’s, Leatherhead.

‘Two years in a tent’ was David’s description of National Service but he used his free time in Egypt to organise many cricket matches on flooded sand and watched many films at the outdoor NAAFI cinema. But he was very proud, many years later, to be awarded a Suez Campaign medal.

Turning down a place at Jesus College, Oxford, he embarked on articles and Law School training for a career as a lawyer, eventually becoming a partner at Duffields in Chelmsford where he stayed for over forty years. During these years he gained a reputation as a competent, caring and diligent solicitor, becoming an expert in charity law and in housing association matters. He helped found Springboard Housing Association, which is now part of the huge Notting Hill Genesis group. The Chapel and Almshouses of Abbess Adelia at Ilford became a continuing interest. He made lasting friendships with clients and business colleagues, being invited to their weddings and family celebrations.

But all this life of service to others was underpinned by his strong faith and devotion to the Church. He served on many committees in Chelmsford diocese and was a member of Church Assembly and later General Synod for twenty five years. He was on the councils of several catholic societies, national chairman of The Church Union and secretary and warden of the Guild of All Souls. He was a regular pilgrim to Walsingham and had a lively devotion to Our Lady. After many years worshipping in Thaxted, including being churchwarden for nine years, he found a new home in Great Bardfield church – a Church Union living.

Family was all important and he loved nothing better than family gatherings, his immediate one and the large extended one. He and Elisabeth married in 1964 and had three sons, Richard, Huw and Edward. He was a loving and caring father, delighting in their achievements and worrying when things weren’t going well. He was thrilled by the arrival of twin grandsons, Benedict and Caspar in 2002 and followed their development avidly.

He found the last years of increasing frailty very irksome, but our prayer is that he is now at peace and may rise in glory.