



Robert G M Suter

(1957-61)

Robert Graeme Milner Suter arrived at St Paul's from Thorpe House School, following his father John D Suter (1921-25) and elder brother John R M 'Dick' Suter (1951-54). He was in Colet House and then High House. He enjoyed rugby with the 4th XV and later played for the Old Paulines. Later in life rugby remained important, especially as a passionate Wasps fan.

He rowed for the 2nd and 3rd VIII, winning several tankards, and even coached a younger team, sometimes ending up in the river while cycling alongside on the towpath.

Music was his lifelong passion; he played piano, timpani, and sang baritone in various choirs including the Bucks Choral Society and St James Accord Gospel Choir. Later, he joined the Caring Chorus and the Dementia Choir with his daughter Sue.

His interest in the military led him to join the school's CCF, especially enjoying rifle shooting. He returned to the sport in his 30s, even representing Middlesex, and proudly displayed his many trophies.

While still at school, he worked for the family business, Suters. After gaining A Levels, he trained as an accountant before officially joining Suters on his 25th birthday. Eight days later, he married Anita and they settled in Chalfont St Peter, where his children Russell and Susanna were born. He later became a director at Suters, but after its sale in 1978, the family moved to Worcestershire, where Robert started a property renovation business.

Following a return to Gerrards Cross after his marriage ended in 1982, Robert joined John Lewis. He was a very valued member of the business and retired in 2013 after 31 years and a total of 44 years in retail.

A lifelong member of St James Church, he served as sidesman and Tear Fund ambassador, representing them internationally in Uganda and India.

Robert is survived by his children, and grandchildren Jacob and Molly.

Russell Suter (son), Sue Pritchard (daughter) and Philip Suter (brother)