

Born in Sunderland and grew up Blackhall Rock, before moving to Haswell Co Durham.

Went to St John's Boston spa as a child until leaving there as a teenager and getting a carpenter and joinery



apprenticeship working with his father at Durham county council.

Loved hill walking and had many holidays in alps and the lakes with friends before meeting his future wife Josephine, moving to Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne and having 3 children. Became self employed carpenter and joiner in his 40s before retiring and taking up a lifelong interest in wood carving and helped to build the altar at Newcastle Deaf Centre after his wife died in 2004.

Since then he has enjoying the garden and seeing his friends at the deaf centre, enjoying his grandson who arrived in 2011, regularly attending mass at the chapel and working as part of the chapel team and going trips with his daughter. RIP