

Kathleen Patricia Campigli (Kay) was born on 28th October 1924 at Haifa in Palestine, the daughter of Col John Campigli MC and Edna May Campigli (nee Philips).

John and Edna Campigli were Australians, then living in Haifa where John was then Assistant Manager

of the Palestinian Railways.

Bob and Kay lived in a small flat in Salisbury. Bob was a flying instructor at 43 O.T.U. , RAF, Old Sarum, Salisbury.

About July 1943 Bob was posted to the War Office, Air Directorate. Bob and Kay took a flat on the 2nd Floor Keyes House - No 225 - Dolphin Square. At that time Kay was pregnant.

Bombs were landing in London so she went to New Milton to stay with her mother Edna.

Christine Harker was born on 24th August 1943 at the Nursing Home, Southbourne, Nr Bournemouth.

Kay and new baby later rejoined Bob at Dolphin Square.

From 1946- 48 Bob was at the Royal College of Science, Shrivenham. Bob and Kay were billeted with Mr and Mrs Burrough in the village of Wantage, Berkshire. They had a daughter Mary Burrough living with them.

Their second daughter, Susan Harker, was born in 1947.

From 1948- 50 Bob was a Technical Adviser on the Staff of Commander -in- Chief, Rhine Army in Germany. His work covered radar, biological, chemical and atomic warfare.

Daughter Susan was born in 1947. .

In 1952 the twins Charles and Richard Harker were born at Rinteln, Germany.

From 1958-59 Bob was a Technical Adviser , HQ, Ministry of Supply, Whitehall, London.

In 1957 Bob returned to RMC Shrivenham for a post graduate course in Guided Weapons and Rockets.

In 1958-59 Bob was engaged in R & D of radar and electronic systems.

In 1960-62 he was posted to the staff of the Air Ministry in London, engaged on the preparation of operational requirements and developments of aeroplanes, helicopters, radio and navigational systems

for the Army and RAF.

From 1962-65 was appointed Military Commandant and Senior Technical Officer at the Royal Radar Establishment.

From 1965-67 he was posted to the Royal Armament and Development Establishment (RARDE).

After leaving the Army, in 1967, he worked for Crown Agents in Satellite Communications. This job actually provided him with wonderful opportunities for travelling around the world.

It was about this time Bob decided that the the family - He, Mary and the twins - should take up a sporting activity. The choice was between Sailing and Fly Fishing. Dad borrowed the local Doc's yacht. We duly set forth into the Medway estuary on a windy but pleasant day. The wind then rapidly turned 180 degrees and we were in a full blown gale. The yacht capsized, throwing us all out. After a scramble we got onto the upturned hull and sat there, until rescued by the Kent Coast Guard who had picked us up on their radar.

We decided to take up Fly Fishing.

Incidentally - you should avoid any offers to go sailing with this part of the Harker family. With the exception of Susan we have all been rescued at sea. Dad, Mary, Dick and I were rescued in the Medway by the Medway Coastguard. Christine and husband Tony were rescued in the Solent when their

Catamaran overturned in a high sea. A RN submarine popped up and took Chris on board, but had to leave Tony.

Tony was rescued later by a surface vessel. It must be most unusual to be rescued by a submarine!

Sue, hasn't been rescued at sea, but she and her then partner have been arrested at Sea. They had "parked" their yacht at the Statue of Liberty in New York. This is Strictly Forbidden, and they were duly arrested and carted off.

Later in his life Bob's interests revolved around four things - dogs, flying, fly fishing and shooting. The dogs were black labradors. He flew light aircraft at Biggin Hill , Headcorn and Rochester airfields as a flying instructor, occasionally as CFI. In the summer he enjoyed trout fishing on a nearby chalk stream, the river Teise. In the winter he enjoyed shoots at Jim Boardman's Farm and on various Army ranges and Training Areas (eg Lydd ranges in Kent).

Bob died in 2001 at Rusthall Residential Nursing Home in Rustall, Nr Tunbridge Wells, Kent. He is buried in the RC plot at the Parish Church, Pembury, Kent.