



Chris Surety RIP

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Philip Longley	I knew Chris in the R.A.F.1955to1957.we did our trade training together at Middle Wallop,Then posted to Watnall.Chris took part in all the Sports day events and set a new lot of records previously held by MacDonald Baily.I still have a beer tankard he won as one of the prizes,he won about 6 prizes,We went on an N.C.O.s training course together and were both promoted to corporal.Chris was always a good friend but we lost touch when Watnall closed down and we were posted to different stations for the last 6 months of our National Service.
Reg St. Pier	I worked with Chris at Ford's Tractors Basildon and became great friends. His proudest memento was a letter from the Essex Athletics thanking him for the one point scored when he got up and finished his race after falling at a misplaced hurdle. That point gave Essex the victory in the competition. A great guy.



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BRIAN MEADOWS	<p>Hi Gerry, Thank you for the e.mail</p> <p>I am In some area in Germany near Austria and well oiled, so please excuse me if some of this is a sentimental ramble, Chis was one of my early years three Icons. Who were the other two, Peter Snell and a British race walk!</p> <p>I am reflecting on a few of my life changing interactions which I have always carried and cherished and built on; this especially includes the wisdom and integrity passed on by Chris.</p> <p>My first real meeting with Chris and future coach and mentor to be, Alf Pells was at my first big race meeting competing in a 600m race at 17 year old, running against a field of senior internationals - i did not come last!, I always adopted an attitude, if they want to beat me they must get in front of me!</p> <p>To be honest, Chris never mixed his metaphors towards me, which I respected and in time helped me become a better athlete and person. Chris knew his trade, and many benefited from his wisdom... It was a great time to be a member of Ilford Athletics Club, Chris was a key personality in the Club's vibrant environment and drive to be special.</p> <p>Chris truly helped many youngsters through our early years and for me personally he became a trusted friend and confidante,</p> <p>As the old saying goes, Chris - "I look forward to meeting up with you in the after life."</p>