

Reginald Ernest CAVANAGH

18/02/2026

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AKA Reginald CAVANAGH, Reg CAVANAGH

* Nickname: ?

Late of Morrisset, NSW

Relations in 'the job' ?

Geoff CAVANAGH, NSWPF # 13636

Husband to Vera CAVANAGH – Police Wife

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern or Belmore Barracks
Class # ” pre Class numbers ”

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 2059

Regd. # 4395

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern or Belmore Barracks
Police Academy on Monday 3 July 1939 (aged 24 years, 3
months, 18 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 25 August 1939 (aged 24
years, 5 months, 10 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed around 4 December 1954

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Sergeant

Stations: ?, Phillip St (4 Division), Mullumbimby,
Weston, Raymond Terrace, Junee, Newcastle, Morrisset (O.I.C.)
– Death

Service (From Training Date) period: From 25 August 1939
to 21 April 1962 = 22 years, 9 months, 18 days
Service

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 25 August

1939 to 21 April 1962 = 22 years, 9 months, 18 days Service

Time in Retirement from Police: 0 years, 0 months, 0 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = 47 years, 1 months, 6 days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system, although:

Long Service & Good Conduct Medal for 22 years Service – granted posthumously c1962



Reginald Ernest CAVANAGH
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taken 1939

Born: Monday 15 March 1915 in Kempsey, NSW

Died on: Saturday 21 April 1962

Age: 47 years, 1 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: injuries received during an arrest

Injuries Event location: Commercial Hotel, Junee, NSW on 23
June 1956

Diagnosis date: 1956 – 8 years prior to death

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ? (N/A)

Wake location: ?

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Sandgate Cemetery, 116 Maitland Rd, Newcastle,
NSW

Grave Location: Section: Catholic 3 Row: 85
Plot: 70

Grave GPS: -32.8667259, 151.7055969

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (February 2026)

REG is **NOT** mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * **BUT SHOULD BE** died as a result of injuries received and also took seriously ill whilst On Duty.

(last checked on **21 April 2026** and still does NOT appear on the National Police Wall of Remembrance.)

FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE, THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.

If you have anything further to add to what is recorded here, please get in touch.

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

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On **23 June, 1956** the sergeant was involved in the violent arrest of an offender at the **Commercial Hotel, Junee**. During the incident the sergeant suffered injuries to his kidneys which subsequently led to a number of operations and ongoing medical treatment for many years afterward.

On the morning of **14 April, 1962** Sergeant Cavanagh, then the **Officer In Charge** of the **Morisset Police Station**, collapsed on duty and was conveyed to the **Newcastle Hospital**. He remained in a semi-coma until he sadly passed away a week later. The cause of death was **kidney failure** caused by his injuries in 1956.

R. E. Cavanagh of **Junee** was promoted from **Constable 1st Class** to **Senior Constable** around **24 December 1954** as advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald, Friday 24 December 1954 on page 3 of 12.

The sergeant was born on **15 March 1915** and joined the New South Wales police Force on **25 August, 1939**. At the time of his death he was stationed at Morisset.

Source: Beyond Courage by Retired Sgt Danny WEBSTER

Death Certificate Registration # 11427/1962

Fathers name: Ernest Joseph

Mothers name: Mary Elizabeth

Reg's son, Geoff, last saw his dad being carried out of the Morisset Police Station on a stretcher to an ambulance in full uniform but never saw him again.

Death of his wife – Vera

<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/vera-cavanagh-widow-of-reg-mother-of-geoff/>



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* Story behind any Nickname:

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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23 April 2014.

Updated 16 February 2026 with Regd. #, DoB, Joining date and calculations.

Updated 21 April 2026 with new, younger, photo of Reg – supplied by his son, Geoff.

Jillian Cupit HAWKES (FRAZER)

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late of Kirrawee, NSW

New South Wales Police Force
Redfern Police Academy Class 104

Regd. # P/W 0073

Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday ? July
1965

Probationary Special Constable – appointed Monday 16 August
1965 (aged 25 years, 10 months, 29 days)

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Special – Senior Constable – appointed 16 August 1974

Detective Sergeant 3rd Class – retired

*Jill was One of Three Police Women to obtain their Diploma in
Criminology from Sydney University at the time.*

Retired Hurt On Duty on 17 December 1982

Was Awarded ‘ Policewoman of the Year ‘ for bravery in 1979

Died from Arrest Injuries that happened at Milsons Point,
North Sydney, NSW – Assaulted on 30 July 1977 which resulted
in the amputation of one of her legs.

Born: Monday 18 September 1939

Died: Tuesday 22 April, 1986

Age: 46 years, 7 months, 4 days

Funeral Date: Thursday 24 April 1986

Buried: Cremated.

Cemetery: Buried at Woronora cemetery, Linden St, Woronora,
NSW

Grave Location: GG. Rose Garden 18, Position 0080



Jillian IS MENTIONED on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.

On 30 July, 1977 Detective Senior Constable Hawkes and another detective attended Sydney's Luna Park in relation to a complaint. While the offender was being escorted from the park he began to struggle violently and kicked Detective Hawkes'

legs out from under her. When she fell to the ground the offender continued kicking and stamping on her.

As a result she suffered an injury to her right leg which later developed a malignant bone tumour. The leg was amputated and after being fitted with an artificial leg Detective Hawkes returned to work.

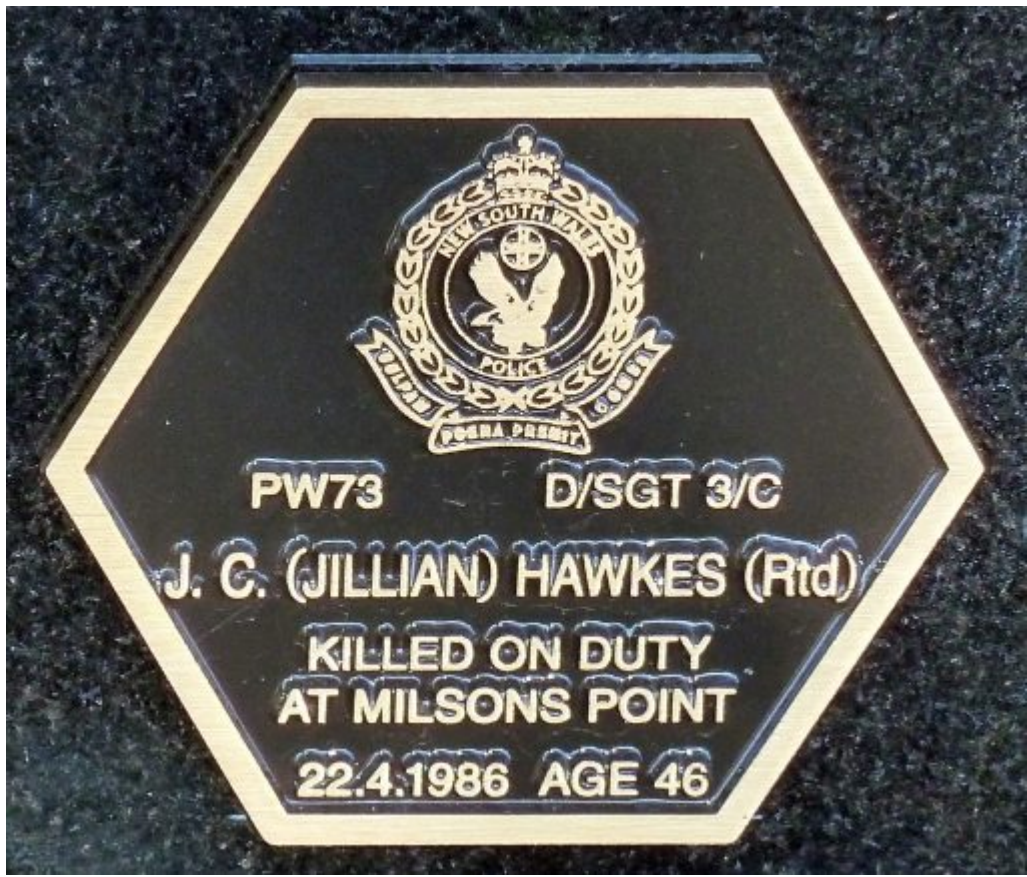
On 17 December, 1982 she was discharged medically unfit.

On 19 April, 1986 the former Detective Sergeant Hawkes lapsed into a coma. She died three days later on the 22 April 1986.

The detective sergeant was born in 1939 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 16 August, 1965.



Touch Plate – National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra (2015) for Jillian HAWKES



Woronora Cemetery, Linden St, Sutherland.
Police Memorial Section



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JILLIAN CUPIT HAWKES
DIED 22-4-1986 AGED 46
BELOVED WIFE OF BERT
"HOW BLESSED WAS I"