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### **BOB JAMES** member 1238

Bob died April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007 aged 76 years.

Bob was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1930 and was the second child of Bill and Myrtle James.

The family moved to Wyalkatchem where Bob attended school till 1943 and then the family moved to Northam for one year before moving to Narrogin where Bob worked for the next thirty-five years.

Bob was multi skilled in the building and plumbing trades as well as assisting his father who was the local undertaker.

Bob joined the local volunteer Fire Brigade, the town Brass Band and was an ambulance driver and first aid assistant, a service he carried out for forty years.

Bob married in 1953 and had two children and as the years went by, he developed an interest in the local repertory club and became stage manager. He also devoted some years to the Apex Club in Narrogin. He was a very keen hockey player.

In 1971 he and his wife and children moved to Mandurah. He worked at several jobs including four and a half years as the manager of the Peninsular Caravan Park, some years as a motor mechanics assistant, a self-employed plumber and finally as a handyman at Wearne House, a senior's care hostel for eight and a half years before retiring from the work force.

It was during his time in Mandurah that he developed a keen interest in Woodturning and many of his fine turned pieces adorn homes all over the state.

Nothing was ever too much trouble for Bob, and he was always first to volunteer if there was a job to be done or something needed fixing, or someone needed some help.

He was a very generous, loving family man and will be missed but never forgotten by his friends in the Mandurah Group of the Western Australian Woodturners Association. (WAWA).