

## HAROLD ARTHUR DAVIS (1927–2016)



Affectionately known as Topper, he acquired his nickname from his Dad when he was introduced to his siblings. He was one of seven children born to Elsie and Fred Davis. In his childhood he sang in the Church choir at St Peter and St Paul and in adult life sang as a tenor. Following his mother's love of music, he introduced his four year old twin girls to join him in the choir. His singing brought much pleasure to his family and friends. His grandchildren all loved the songs he sang, especially the children's songs with the sounds that he added to them.

Topper cared very much about his friends and his village. In his earlier years, he volunteered as a firefighter for the Deddington Fire Brigade. He also had a passion for football and played well into his adult life. Topper's love of the outdoors drew him to many of the country sports, such as following the Heythrop Hunt, taking his gun and dog shooting, or hiking across the fields, rain or shine.

After school, Topper worked at Park Farm, Deddington, for Jack Bletsoe, working with and riding the horses. Later after marrying Joan, Topper changed jobs to work for Pressed Steel Fisher in Cowley, Oxford, which allowed him to combine his work with his lifelong love of cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Joan, married for 60 years, his twin daughters, Jane Richardson and Sara Turner, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

*Revd Annie Goldthorp*