

Frederick Andrew Miles CADDAYE

Born at Portland 18th December 1902 – Died at Fawkner 30th September 1995

Fred was the 3rd of 5 children – he had 1 sister and 3 brothers.

His father was in the railways and for a short period was stationed with family at Portland, where Fred was born. Shortly after this the family returned to Melbourne. They lived in Charles Street for some time and in the early 1920's moved to 63 Bridge Street where Fred lived until just prior to his death in 1995.

Frederick was educated at Helen Street State School and completed his schooling in year eight obtaining the Merit Certificate. At the end of his final school year Fred was asked by the School Headmaster to take a letter into the city to a menswear shop in Flinders Street which he did and was offered a job as a junior salesman. He stayed with that firm until 1925 when he left to commence his own business as a fuel merchant.

Frederick commenced his wood yard business from Park Street opposite the railway gates in 1925. He operated his business from the yard at the rear of the shop at the corner of Clarke and Park Streets until his wood yard fences and shed were constructed at the new premises on the triangular site. The business continued on this site as a Fuel and Ice merchant until he retired. This block of land was sold to the Council after his retirement.

Frederick Caddaye was married on 31 January 1929 to Myrtle Cook and had 3 children – a son (James) and 2 daughters (Shirley and Nancye). He was a professional runner in his early days and was interested in cricket and football. He was a Fitzroy Football Club member until late in life and also enjoyed cricket.

A member of the Northcote Cricket Club he played for their 3rd eleven "when our team played at Merri Park, our home ground, Dad would come to watch and then when we played away he would go to the Northcote Cricket Ground to watch the 1st or 2nd eleven". Here he assisted with some of the club's duties and was invited to join the committee about 1960.

Fred was active in the cricket club's affairs and later was elected Vice President, which office he held until 1990. He also had been elected a Life Member of the club as recognition of his service to the club.