

## Doug Grieve – Walker Bay Boat Club Member since 1993

Doug retired to Somerset West in June 2014 after having had a home in Hermanus since 1960. Would be soldier, successful spitfire pilot, Chartered Accountant, accomplished businessman and friend with the highest ethical standards we will miss seeing Doug at his club corner table every Friday evening.

Doug was married to Audrey for 66 years until she passed on to higher service in April 2014. Doug fell in love with Audrey on a Cape Town camping holiday in 1947. She was a pretty 19 year old and in his words “I wrote to her and said that if she was older he would speak to her parents”. He did not need to because she did and her parents approved immediately. They married six months later.

Doug has owned Frank Vos Motors in Worcester since 1953. He turned it into a most successful enterprise and together with his father in law they introduced innovative management practices that continue to sustain their business. Doug must have more than satisfied the potential that Audrey’s parents saw in him early in 1948.

Doug and Audrey have 3 children one of whom has continued in his father’s footsteps at Frank Vos Motors in Worcester.

Doug Grieve as the oldest member of the Walker Bay Boat Club was born on 14 Nov 1922 in Johannesburg. This means that he lived through the aftermath of the Great War, the Great Depression and World War II. He also lived through the elections of 1948 and 1994. To top it all he was a founder member of the Walker Bay Boat & Ski Boat Club.

You can see from his picture as a 9 year old that he had had charm and good looks. Doug was keen on sport and played cricket in teams with boys much older than himself for a start. His competitive spirit destined him for a successful career and must have prepared him for later adventures and achievements.

Doug qualified as a Spitfire pilot in August 1943. What this entry in his pilot log book does not show is that at the age of 17 without parental knowledge he volunteered for the Transvaal Scottish Regiment. The regiment was prepared to go north in January 1940 but everyone under 21 had to get parental consent. Doug’s parents refused which was lucky for the SAAF because they gained a pilot as a result.



