

8258935 LCPL CHRIS D GIANG
23 July 1964 - 8 March 2018
5/6RVR

LCPL Chris D Giang arrived in Australia as a refugee from Vietnam in 1980. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in Feb 1991 and was a member of 5/6 RVR Assault Pioneer platoon where he made many friends along the way. With a cheeky smile, sense of adventure, willing attitude (and the ability to cook his famous spring rolls in the field) Chris was liked by all who served with him.



Chris spent 18 years as a valuable member of the battalion, and was promoted to LCPL in 1997. He deployed to the Solomon Islands on Operation Anode in 2007 and 2009 (Rotations 13 & 18) and was a part of Operation Vic Fire Assist. Whilst deployed Chris received a CTF635 Commanders Commendation for Exceptional Service.



In 2010 Chris transferred to the Air Force as an Aircraftsman based in Laverton. Here he made many more friends, completed more courses and was awarded the No5 'Flight Most Outstanding Airman' in 2015. Chris deployed to the Middle East in 2017 as part of Operation 'Accordion'. It was there that he found that he had cancer and was transferred back home for treatment. Chris fought the disease with his usual demeanour and even till the end he kept a positive outlook and made plans to see people when he left hospital. Chris lost his battle on 8 March 2017.

This is an extract from a post by Rob Williams describing Chris.

"Our brother, our friend, our mate Chris Giang's battle is mercifully over; and although he is no longer physically with us, the mark of his character will for ever remain part of us. Chris was one of those unique soldier's, airman, friends who never asked for respect, but instead earned it continuously on his own merit, time and time again. As for all his service friends – mates, I can sincerely tell you that you were his surrogate family, a family by his only family admittance, confessed they neither knew, understood or appreciated what Army/Air Force meant to him, until his diagnosis and return from the Middle East. You've done more than your share for your family and mates Chris! You can now stand easy, in the knowledge that you've served your country with distinction! Rest In Peace my brother!"

Rob"

