

PASTOR ROBINSON

Our first inductee into the NCCUA Hall of Fame Class of 2016 began his career in the 1960's.

After he served his country of the United States in the Military in the Second World War, he loved Australia so much that he stayed, married an Australian girl and raised a family with her.

As he stayed in Australia, he developed a deep love for the indigenous game of footy. Such was his passion, that in the 1960's, our inductee became involved in the NAFLUA as an umpire, firstly in the field and then through to the 1970's as a goal umpire towards the end of his career.

As an umpire, his career was impressive, he umpired 8 NAFL First Grade Grand Finals, unfortunately due to some missing records, we cannot be certain if he actually did more, however from 1965 – 1971, and 1978, 1981 (with John Sullivan) and 1982 he reached the pinnacle of goal umpiring in this region. In 1980, 1983 and 1984 he umpired as a Goal Umpire in Reserve Grade Grand Finals, and in 1981 and 1986 he umpired in the NAFL Under 17 Grand Final. Indeed, a record to be proud of.

In 1965 he became president of the NAFLUA and from 1966 until 1971, he filled the position of Secretary of the Association. In addition to these roles, our inductee served as appointments board chairman and also was on the NAFL Board.

According to one umpire, "It was a pleasure to umpire with him and also be a close friend".

Unfortunately, our inductee passed away last year, but it is our pleasure to post-humously induct NAFLUA and NCCUA Life Member, **Pastor Wallace Robinson** to the NCCUA Hall of Fame.