

# Tom Taylor's Obituary

## VALE TOM "DIGGER" TAYLOR

Tom V Taylor died on 22nd June, 1993 at Prince Alfred Hospital, aged 77 years, from a cardiac condition which had troubled him for many years.

Tom's brother, J.W. Taylor, was a founding member of the St James Sporting Club in 1929, and the first treasurer of the Glebe District Hockey Club which was founded on 20th December, 1932, from the St James Sporting Club hockey team.

Unfortunately, J.W. Taylor died in 1946 of a heart condition at the young age of 33 years. Tom's mother and father were devoted supporters of the Glebe District Hockey Club and team selections, management committee meetings and many fund raising nights were held at their family home at 3 Boyce Street, Glebe.

Esther Taylor, "the orange lady", became a life member of the Hockey Club before she died in 1952, and her husband, William, was Club Patron for eight years until his death in 1953.

Tom was an "artist" with the stick and played his first game for the Club in 1934, represented in the 1939 NSW seniors and won many first grade premierships in the dynamic Glebe team of the 40's. Ken Wark Snr and Digger Taylor were the fullback combination in the Club's 1947 and 1948 premiership winning first grade teams.

Tom played 212 games for Glebe before he retired in 1948, aged 33 years, due to a chronic knee condition. A hard but fair player was "Digger", who strove for personal excellence and was supportive and encouraging of his teammates. For most of his working life, Tom was a welder with the PMG, cum Australia Post, cum Telecom. He was born at a cottage hospital in Glebe Point Road and lived all his life in Glebe, for the last 43 years in Arcadia Road. To his wife of over 55 years, Mona, and his four children, the Club extends its deepest sympathy.