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Hello and welcome to another Issue of the AirCentre News Flash from the Archerfield based News Desk where aviation history is recorded for all those persons who fly in, pilot or enjoy the ownership of light aircraft.

Archerfield's Black Week continues.

Angus Day, or just Gus to most of his friends outside his family, cleared his propeller, fired up and departed on his last and never ending flight beyond the Galaxies on Sunday June 3 at approximately 1700hrs.

Dedicated flying instructor, aviator, and personal friend, Gus failed to recover from surgery at the Greenslopes Hospital on Tuesday May 29 and remained on life support until Sunday afternoon at which time the life support was "switched off" after doctors consulted with the family.

Over the past 40 years at Archerfield Gus trained many student pilots. A number of them finished up flying for the airlines, others made a name for themselves doing charter work and many more enjoyed the true realism of flight that only light aircraft can offer.

>>From Lightwing ultra-lights to four engine Lancaster heavy bombers and various singles and twins in between, Gus had a go flying and training in most of them.

His dedication and teaching of priorities to a dumb beginner pilot all those years ago and to the introduction of what is now known as "situation awareness" in the cockpit is beyond what can be explained by the written word, especially by this writer, at this point in time.

Always striving for perfection from the pilots he trained, Gus's style of instruction was not necessarily appreciated by all, except maybe from those would-be-pilots that finally understood that any complacency in the cockpit could result in a catastrophe.

True friend for all of my flying life of 36 years, he will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

Don Martinez

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