

ERIC MOSS



Eric Moss, who died on May 11 at the age of 82, was the seventh of eleven children of Rosa and Walter Moss of Ascott-under-Wychwood. With the exception of a few years, Eric lived all his life in Ascott.

As a boy he was an excellent student, and hoped to train as a teacher but his family could not afford the fees. Instead he became a Master Carpenter, and a first-class builder of many houses in Ascott and elsewhere.

Soon after the outbreak of World War II he volunteered for the RAF. In late 1942 he was shot down over Egypt and sent to a POW camp in Italy, from which he escaped. In later years Eric returned to Italy several times to thank the people of Ascoli Piceno, who had helped him when he was on the run.

Eric married Elsie Ridgewell in 1941. They lost their first daughter soon after birth but went on to have five children and thirteen grandchildren.

Eric was an old-fashioned Labour man, unforgiving to his enemies, but loyal to his friends. He loved his family, his village, and a long line of small dogs. He asked to have his ashes buried in Ascott, beside his mother.

Taken from Eric Moss's "Walk Humble, My Son" and "Solvitur Ambulando" and from the Eulogy by his son Bernard at Eric's funeral, 22 May 2000.

"Solvitur Ambulando" is available from Bernard Moss, 6 Maplewell, Stonesfield, Tel. 898160.

"Walk Humble, My Son" is available from Bernard, and also from :-
Shipton Stores in Shipton, Milton Post Office in Milton, and Evenlode Books, Market Street, Charlbury.