

## Eric Eugene Johnston



**Date of Birth:** 29 July 1933

**Place of Birth:** Shanghai China

**Parents:** Captain V V Johnston

**Education:** Frankston High School Victoria  
RAN College 1947-1950  
US Naval War College  
Rhode Island 1970-1971  
Fellow Australian Institute of Management  
Doctor of Laws

**Spouse:** Married Joan (née Holland)  
4 December 1971, (2 stepsons)

**Military Service:** Joined RAN 1947 Served on HMS *Devonshire*, HMAS *Australia*, HMAS *Culgoa*, HMS *Maidstone* and HMAS *Tobruk* 1950-1955 Executive Officer (XO) NBC Damage Control Training School 1957-1959 and Cadet Training Ship HMAS *Swan* 1959-1962 Divisional Officer Britannia Royal Naval College 1962-1964 Served on HMAS *Melbourne* 1964-1966 HMAS *Vendetta* 1966-1967 XO RAN Trials & Assessing Unit 1967-1968 and Recruit Training Establishment HMAS *Leeuwin* 1968-1969 Commanding Officer HMAS *Vendetta* 1969-1970 Vietnam Chief of Staff to SEATO Exercise Director 1971-1972 Director of Personnel Services 1972-1973 Naval Officer Commanding North Australia Darwin 1974-1975 Honorary ADC to Governor-General 1974-1977 Commanding Officer HMAS *Perth* 1976-1977 (Commodore) Australian Delegate United Nations Law of the Sea Conferences New York and Geneva 1978-1979 Director Public Information Dept of Defence 1979-1980 Retired from RAN December 1980

**Employment History:** Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory 1 January 1981. Re-appointed for a second term March 1986 Appointed first Honorary Colonel North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) 1 July 1981 Retired 30 June 1989.

**Subsequent Career:** Resided in Nightcliff NT  
Chairman of the Northern Territory Grants Commission  
Electrical Distribution Committee and Batchelor College  
Died 26 February 1997. State Funeral held in Darwin

**Honours and Awards:** Campaign Service Medal with clasp "Malay Peninsula"  
Vietnam Medal  
Defence Force Service Medal  
National Medal  
South Vietnam Campaign Medal  
US Commander-in-Chief-Pacific Commendation 1971  
Officer of the Order of the British Empire  
in the Military Division (OBE) 1971  
Member of the Order of Australia  
in the Military Division (AM) 1975  
Commander of the Order of St John (CStJ) 1981  
Promoted to Knight of Grace (KStJ) September 1984  
Honorary Doctor of Laws University of Queensland 1988  
Hon Fellow Australian Society of Accountants  
Officer of the Order of Australia in the General  
Division (AO) June 1988