

# Robin Gibb Lifetime Achievement Award – Jenny Green

Following the loss of Jenny Green's beloved husband Bill in an RAF flying accident, she identified a need for sympathetic advice aimed specifically at individual and family needs. So, in 1992, she marshalled a small group of like-minded widows to form the Royal Air Force Widows' Association (RAFWA).

Recently celebrating its 20th anniversary, the RAFWA has gone from strength to strength, comforting and supporting bereaved families and providing emotional and financial advice when it is needed. Its broad family values mean that children are included, being welcomed along with members into an understanding and caring community.

This inspirational lady's drive and energy has guided the RAFWA through two decades, where it is now recognised throughout the Armed Services community as an organisation that has truly made a difference to people's lives.

Jenny's drive and energy has ensured many achievements, including her successful campaign for financial stability in the form of life-long Service pensions for widows. She was instrumental in producing two training videos to help the military community to understand the needs of the bereaved family, and she has helped to create training programmes for the staff and visiting officers that support families in the immediate months after their loss.

Jenny maintains her commitment to RAFWA as an active Member of Council and Honorary Life Vice President, as well

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as continuing to provide support in her role as Chair of the Defence Bereaved Families Group. But her roll call far exceeds these positions: in addition, she has been the Chairman of the War Widows' Association of Great Britain and a Vice Patron of the Armed Forces Memorial Appeal. She is currently a member of the Council of the Forces Pension Society and a trustee of Combat Stress.

In 2000, Jenny proudly received the highly deserved accolade of OBE for her outstanding work. And now, for her long, selfless, determined and inspirational work with the RAFWA, Jenny Green is truly a worthy recipient of the SOTLT Patron's Award for a Lifetime Achievement.

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