

Well known in hotel industry

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A man well-known in the Taranaki hotel industry, Mr Addie Bernard Lile, has died in New Plymouth. He was 70.

Mr Lile was born at Inglewood and attended Inglewood Primary School before moving to New Plymouth.

He continued his education at the New Plymouth Boys' High School and completed it at St Patrick's College, in Wellington.

While doing odd jobs in Wellington, Mr Lile joined the Wellington Fire Brigade.

When he returned to New Plymouth in 1935 he joined the New Plymouth Fire Brigade as a volunteer fireman.

While working for his father, owner of The Red House, later known as the State Hotel, Mr Lile attended many fire calls. He joined the fire police in the late 1940s.

Mr Lile left the brigade in 1961.

At the age of 40, he took over the licence of the State Hotel when his father died.

He continued the tradition of the hotel as a meeting place for the Star Rugby Football Club and resting place for many other Taranaki teams.

In 1961 Mr Lile sold his

share in the hotel to Lion Breweries. It is now the Cobb and Co Restaurant and Bar.

During World War II Mr Lile served in New Caledonia.

After he left the hotel Mr Lile bought a farm at Huirangi where he milked cows for about seven years until his retirement into New Plymouth.

He was a keen gardener and bowler.

Mr Lile leaves his wife Joan, two sons, Messrs Bernie (New Plymouth) and Graeme Lile (Te Awamutu), five daughters, Kay (Mrs Scouller) Pat (Mrs Keegan) Gail (Mrs Meuli) and Joan (Mrs Gerrard), all of New Plymouth and Betty (Mrs Simpson, Wanganui).