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Vale Keith Chandler

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NZIF member Keith Chandler is well known to many IFA members. He died in Auckland on Monday 3rd June. Keith joined NZIF as a student member in 1959 when he was a NZ Forest Service trainee. After gaining a B.Sc. at Auckland University and a Diploma in Forestry at Canberra he spent time at Tapanui and Tuatapere in the Forest Service Southland Conservancy. During this time he had a paper Climatic Damage to Forests of the Tapanui District published in the Journal of Forestry and cited in a number of other papers since. He became an Associate Member around 1964 and a Member around 1964 when he was based in Palmerston North. By 1970 he was based at Kaingaroa fore st. In 1979 he was one of the founders of the forestry consulting firm Chandler Fraser Keating (CFK) and became an NZIF Recognised Forestry Consultant (the forerunner to our registration scheme). In the firm he worked on many projects in the Pacific and South East Asia with FAO and the World Bank. In 1986 he was appointed a Director of New Zealand Forestry Corporation, the State Enterprise established to take over the commercial forestry assets of the NZ Forest Service.