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Hall, Mr CJ

 **Mr BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (7.15 pm): I would like to take this opportunity tonight to congratulate my daughter and her husband on the birth of their first child and my first grandchild—a beautiful granddaughter named Payton.

On a more serious note, I rise tonight to pay tribute to a man named Clive Joseph Hall, who passed away in Gladstone on 13 March 2019. Clive was born in Townsville in 1936. He completed his schooling at South Townsville, sometimes being educated at home when his school was commandeered by soldiers during World War II. He gained an electrical fitter/mechanical apprenticeship, studying for an extra three months to make up for time he was conscripted to serve in the 11th Infantry Brigade Signal Division with the Australian Army.

Clive proposed to the love of his life, Leah, who is a very good friend of mine, on their first date in 1957, and they were married the next year. They celebrated 60 years of a wonderful relationship and marriage which produced four boys: Neil, Michael, Andrew and Adam. He had 11 grandchildren and last year his first great-grandchild was placed in his arms by his eldest granddaughter.

Clive's work took him interstate to the Regional Electricity Commission in Yass, New South Wales, and the Illawarra County Council in Wollongong. In 1966 he accepted a position at Queensland Alumina Ltd, and the family returned to Queensland. Clive retired from that workplace 30 years later. In retirement Clive and Leah often retreated to his favourite place in the world, the family holiday home he built on the south end of Curtis Island in the 1960s. Although they travelled extensively, times spent with his family, no matter the meeting place, were always his most treasured memories.

Clive enjoyed active membership and involvement in various community organisations, including National Seniors, a Gourmet Food Group and the Gladstone Gem Club, but his pride in the 'Nashos' held a special place in his heart. Last weekend I was privileged to look through an amazing collection of photographs, documents and clippings of Clive's military memories, lovingly preserved by Leah over the years.

Until his health failed, Clive was amongst the first to fall into line at local military commemorative services. On 25 April 2015, the first Anzac Day service I attended as the state member for Gladstone, I was honoured to have my photo taken with Clive and other Hall family members in attendance at the Gladstone cenotaph. That photograph takes pride of place on my office desk to this day.

Goodbye Sergeant Clive Joseph Hall, 1/714863, a gentle and a humble man who will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him. Rest in peace Clive.