
Obituary - Benny O'Neill



Benny was not a founder member but joined the Circle in 1959 just twelve months after its formation. He was first and last a Scot and proud Of it and his firm Scottish accent gave his voice a distinctive character. He was a small man, stocky in build and a ball of fire. By training and inclination he was a professional ballroom dancer (the only one of that profession to belong to our Circle), though during his time in Knutsford he was a successful salesman.

Benny's contribution to the Circle was not only his warmth and likeable personality but his untiring efforts over a number of years as the organiser of our social events. At the Ladies Nights he M.C.'d with a polish and panache that delighted everyone who attended.

In the mid sixties Benny, Janet his wife and their two sons moved to Birmingham where he opened a successful School of Dancing which was rapidly developing when he died in the early seventies. For some time afterwards the Circle Stayed in touch with Janet and the two boys, one of whom is a computer specialist in Edinburgh and the other a PhD in chemistry at Liverpool University.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.