
Obituary - Robert (Bob) Quin



Robert Hartley Quin, Bobby to his family, but Bob to us, was born on 2nd January 1920. A founder member of Knutsford Circle, he was its historian, its President in 1994 and for 10 years its secretary until 2010. He spent three separate periods in the Circle. His wife's poor health first caused him to resign in 1961; subsequently joining Manchester 47 Circle before returning to Knutsford for a second time in 1971. After some years his wife's health again caused him to resign before returning for his third and most productive period in 1991.

In the intervening years tragedy struck when his wife Kathleen and daughter Anne were killed in a car crash in December 1986. Although his own health gave him problems, with sight in only one eye and a debilitating condition that left him reliant on a motorised buggy for mobility, nothing stopped him.

The reversing alarm on the buggy was always the signal for brothers to jump out of the way as he manoeuvred his vehicle into position. The same alarm was also a feature at the 11 am Mass at St Vincent's when the period of quiet after communion would invariably be punctuated by the beep, beep, beep of the buggy.

In January 2010 his family and the whole Circle his second family gathered to celebrate his 90th birthday. A few days later he received his 40 year scroll from the then Province 17 Director John Ross at our Charter dinner.

He died after a short illness on 31 Mar 2015 aged 95 surrounded by his son Paul and his two surviving daughters, Barbara and Sue.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE