
Obituary - William Raymond Boyes



Ray was born in January 1940 in St Helens and subsequently had two brothers, He became a regular altar server at 8 years Old, not just on Sundays but every day, whatever the weather, and this continued until he was 22. He first met Kathleen at the tender age of 5 and they married when Ray was 22 she was the first and only love of his life.

He worked first in the glass industry, later export packing and moved to Worksop and Banbury, In 1975 he took up a position as factory manager of an optical company in St Helens and later qualified as a dispensing optician after the family re-located to Knutsford.

He took early retirement when he was fifty and this enabled him to become unpaid Managing Director of the Florist which his wife had acquired some years before. In this capacity he delivered flowers all over the county and in particular he and Kathleen supplied the altar flowers at St Vincent's every Sunday for countless years - and on most occasions at their own expense.

He was a taciturn man, seeing no point in two words if one would do, with little or no time for inconsequential chat. When given, his friendship was strong and true and those who were fortunate to have been in that category will treasure the memory for life.

In April 2002 he proudly became the President of Knutsford Circle little knowing that a few short weeks later he would be diagnosed with a malignant and inoperable prostate cancer. His reaction was typical of the man. He had been elected to do a job and that job he would do whatever it cost him. With the constant help of his loving Kathleen he set out to give 100% plus to his year of office. No-one in the Circle or even in the Province could ever deny that he succeeded beyond all expectations.

Even those of us who knew him well were amazed at his determination and during the year he earned the admiration, respect and fraternal love of all who knew him or came in contact with

him.

He eventually lost his battle at 4:45 p.m. on March 4th 2004 with his family at his bedside. His death leaves a void in many other lives as well as those of his family.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE