

Remembering Jarold Stevenson (Jerry)

1940 - 2009

Jerry was born in December 1940 whilst the bombs were falling on Sheffield. He spent his childhood in Staveley until he left for Leeds University Dental School. Here he met and married Jean and later two daughters Julia and Louise were born. Most of his adult life Jerry was a dentist owning his own practice in a village named Haxby near York.

He was ill most of his adult life but thoroughly enjoyed travelling, particularly to California where Louise and her family lived. Luckily before he died he got to know all his four grandchildren. He still came to Sheffield often as his older daughter Julia lived here with her family.

Because of progressing health problems, Jerry took early retirement. Jean took a career break so that they could fulfil one of his greatest dreams. They lived on a 67 foot narrow boat named Doris and toured as many of the canals as they could over the following two years. Jean remembers cruising at a snail's pace into the very heart of London as a special memory.

Jerry was a very good water colourist and spent many happy hours outdoors with his paints. Cricket was another passion . He played for his school, university and many village teams and was a fiendish fast bowler. He was not so good with the bat. When Jerry walked up to the crease for his innings it was the same time to put the kettle on in the tea hut.

When his cricketing days were over he began to sing with York Operatics. He had a lovely deep bass voice and although the society was amateur they did many of the classic operas very successfully and with great gusto.

I would like to request a plum tree in his memory as plum crumble was a favourite food.

Jean Stevenson

