

27/9/2020 Death of Nigel Byrne

From John Green:

"To everyone from the chess world within the Birmingham and District Chess League and elsewhere, unfortunately I am the bearer of this very sad news that Nigel Byrne, 63yrs of age, from Solihull Chess Club in the West Midlands unexpectedly experienced a suspected heart attack and passed away on last Sunday 27th September at his home address in Erdington, Birmingham. I am aware of the personal circumstances surrounding his demise and I will gladly speak to anyone at any time of day on behalf of Dianne, and their families re passing on your condolences, feelings, cards etc. or just a chat, not a problem for me. It is envisaged that there will be a funeral service at Perry Barr Crematorium in due course with Covid Rules applying. May be late October / early November in view of the suddenness of Nigel's heart attack and others awaiting to be cremated. I shall keep everyone informed of his funeral date when known and the numbers of spare persons allowed inside and outside after his family and friends and colleagues.

Dianne likes flowers, but if anyone wishes to make any charitable donations instead of, or as well as, please donate to PDSA (Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals) of which Nigel was the Head Vet and a brilliant one.

His Tribute - A Giant and Ambassador of a person to all of us who had the privilege of knowing Nigel. He will be very sadly missed but certainly not forgotten. His tributes and condolences coming to Dianne in their hundreds and to myself from the chess world are saying exactly the same. Namely that he was a Lovely, Caring person. He would do anything for everyone - nothing was any problem. It was a pleasure to be in his company - he made any situation enjoyable with his wit, smile, open and honest personality. His generosity was unlimited. At the same time a very professional person.

His contribution to Solihull Chess Club as the Assistant Secretary / person and player - and to the chess world has been magnanimous and unparalleled. I cannot praise and thank Nigel enough - the sprit and personal favours he has brought to members at Solihull and to myself has been well beyond any reasonable expectations.

Mate - I shall miss you loads. May God be with you Nigel always and forever.

Kindest condolences - John Green."