



Dick came to Sheffield in 1947 when his parents moved down here from Scotland. Unfortunately, it was the year that the snow was as high as the telegraph wires but they still managed to settle into their new house on Old Park Avenue. He began his school life at Greenhill Primary School before moving to Rowlinson a few years later. His main interest there was music. He had had piano lessons for several years by that stage and he was very fortunate that his ability as a pianist was recognised by a wonderful teacher who developed his interest yet further. He was particularly proud when she allowed him to play in assemblies as it made him feel very special.

On leaving Rowlinson he started work for the then Midland Bank. His first placement was at the Abbeydale Road branch where he was mentored by Maureen Gledden, a lady, who would in the future, become a member of Greenhill Methodist Church. He moved around many branches throughout Sheffield, all of which now have become cafes, pubs or shops. He was to be made redundant at a time when a lot of employees lost their jobs but this did give him the opportunity to work in various places, his favourite being a flower shop where he did the books.

Dick always enjoyed being involved in several clubs and societies where he was to make many friends. Although he was not a strong tennis player he involved himself in the secretarial side of things and was on the committee of Beauchief Tennis Club for many years. Another interest was the Caledonian Society and he was proud to be elected as President of the Yorkshire area twice. He loved the social life this gave him, as he not only enjoyed the dining out but also the chance to dance – he was amazingly light on his feet.

However, it was the Church that was the biggest influence on his life. Mum and Dad started him in the Primary Dept as soon as they moved here, and he then moved through all the departments until he was 16 and he became a teacher, back where he started, in the Primary dept. In future years he took over the leadership when Mrs.

Wells retired. Later it would become a bit of a family concern when Gracie and Alan became teachers when they were just boyfriend and girlfriend, to be followed by Nichola and Lyndsay when they were old enough. With regard to Dick's personal life, he met Anne as a result of Mum being asked to care for her mother after she had had a stroke. On occasions, Anne would return from work and play and sing for them. It was then that Mum decided she would be the girl for her boy and so it was. They married after an emotional few months. My father died in the November of the year before; Nichola was born in the following January and they married in July. The Coghill family don't do things by halves! They spent the whole of their married life on Norton Park View, moving into the house previously owned by Sid and Dorothy Gillatt and their daughter Ann, all dedicated members of Greenhill Church and family friends. They were very happy there, Dick getting particular enjoyment from the garden. Probably the thing they both enjoyed the most was cruising, and they went to many exotic places. Again, this gave the opportunity to make many new friends, as the same people would go on the same boat year after year.

On Dick's behalf I would like to thank all those people who have shown him love and support, particularly in the last few difficult years.