

Anne and Bill Barbour

A Tribute from

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It is with sadness and deep sorrow that I as Chairman of the Enniskillen Branch of the Royal British Legion stand before you and yet a privilege to pay tribute to our late Comrade, Comrade Bill Barbour.

Comrade Bill was probably the longest serving member of the Enniskillen Branch and a devoted member at that. Not being afraid of work Comrade Bill took the role of Treasurer of the Branch and also Secretary. I am told that he was an excellent Secretary for when a special letter had to be written, Bill was able and fit to take this task on. Some would say that they would not like to have been the recipient of some of the letters, for they were that well written, there was no room to hide any matter of facts when replying to them.

Comrade Bill was also a great worker and supporter of the service work seeing to the needs of the less well off.

Comrade Percy Rankin could talk more about this as the pair of them worked for years seeing to the needy.

Due to his work for the Legion, Comrade Bill became Chairman of the Legion Housing Association and as a result, he was the instigator for negotiating the buying of the land and overseeing the construct of sheltered accommodation at Paget Square. The foundation stone was laid on the 1st February 1995 by Lord Erne. Comrade Percy Ranking was the Chairman of the Branch on that date.

It was fitting and proper that this property was called 'Barbours' Court'. It is, and always will be an edifice to him.

Comrade Bill also took on the role of Trustee of the Enniskillen Branch of the RBL. With all his work for the Enniskillen Branch of the Legion, Comrade Bill received his Branch Certificate in 1970, his area Certificate 1981, for his outstanding work to the Legion he received his Gold Badge in 1985. In 1986 he was made a Life member and in 1990 he was awarded the National Certificate, the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a member.

May I as Chairman convey to you, as a family, the deep and heartfelt sympathy of all the members of the Enniskillen Branch, Royal British Legion and pray that God in his Mercy will comfort you in your time of sorrow.