



All are invited to join the Taylor family and friends for

A Memorial Celebration for Conny Taylor

on Sunday, December 10, 2006

1:30-2:30 p.m. Memorial Program
2:30-3:30 p.m. Reception
3:30-5:30 p.m. International Folk Dancing
led by Andy Taylor-Blenis with music by The Pinewoods Band Trio

at the
Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall
11 Homer Street at Centre Street (entrance on Furber Lane)
near Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Parking is available on nearby streets.

For information about handicap access, call the Folk Arts Center of New England at 781-662-7475.

Donations may be made in Conny's memory to the Folk Arts Center, 42 West Foster Street, Melrose, MA 02176-3811, where a fund will provide scholarships to FAC's annual Oktoberfest Folk Dance Weekend in Fairlee, Vermont.



Cornell Sawyer Taylor, 1921-2006

Conny Taylor died on November 3 at age 85 after a long battle with lung cancer. He served in the Navy during World War II and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in recreation from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

He began teaching international folk dance and Scottish country dance in the Boston area in 1953. At the Cambridge YWCA in 1955 and '56, he started the international folk dance classes and parties that later became the Thursday, Friday, and monthly Saturday series still run by the Folk Arts Center.

Conny taught folk dance workshops and school programs all over New England, in Virginia and Quebec, and at Oquaga Camp in New York and Texas Folk Dance Camp.

He was a frequent leader at Ralph Page's East Hill Farm and Year End Camps and served on the New England Folk Festival Association's planning committees in the 1950s.

In 1975 Conny co-founded the Folk Arts Center and served as its President and Technical Director. He ran the the Copley Square outdoor summer folk dances and the Oktoberfest Weekend in Stowe, Vermont for many years and helped initiate FAC's Pinewoods Camp sessions. In recent years, he was a guest at FAC's Pinewoods and Oktoberfest camps and at the San Antonio Folk Dance Festival.

In his "retirement," he volunteered for the Pepperidge Farm Outlet, delivering bread to food pantries in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.



For more information, see www.facone.org
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