

## **Eric Cox remembered**

Eric was Mary's much loved second Husband, both having lost their respective spouses to cancer. Mary was friends with Hilda – Eric's first wife, but only got to know Eric himself years later after bumping into each other whilst he was walking the dogs.

Eric first asked Mary out to a dance, but she refused claiming she didn't know how to dance! Eric however persisted and promised to show her how – how could she refuse? They even got engaged on the dance floor at a Loyal Order of the Moose charity event.

Eric was a very quiet but kind man. He was a prisoner of war for 5 years in Poland and this terrible experience made him value each and every day, even the ones with miserable weather. He and Mary worked together to perform many acts of kindness over the years. They helped his mother every day for years with Eric popping in after work each day. They also worked with people who had had strokes, helping them in their everyday lives, and often took people from Dudley Road Hospital out for day trips.

All this work, Eric kept to himself, so much so that close friends at his funeral said they had no idea of all the extra things he had accomplished in his life.

Sadly, Eric and Mary's families have had much bereavement in recent years, and the families each support the Tree of light local to them. "It is a way to have a special memory of each person – we all remember the people through the lights"