

Obituaries

Blanche Boyles, avid dancer

She taught folk dancing, judged contests for many years

Blanche Boyles was a walking encyclopedia, said her friend Rose Fekate. More precisely, she was a dancing one.

"She knew well over 1,000 dances," Fekate said. "And she knew even more jokes."

Mrs. Boyles, of Clifton, died Tuesday of lung cancer. She was 69.

"Her passion was for her friends and for the dance," said her son, Dr. Jerrold Garwood-Boyles of Cincinnati. "That's what consumed her life."

Mrs. Boyles taught folk dance in the Cincinnati area for more than 25 years, including classes every Tuesday evening at the University YMCA in Clifton. She helped run several Tri-City Dance Festivals and was often a judge at the International Folk Festival.

"She had a great sense of humor and tremendous vitality,"



Blanche Boyles
... always energetic

Fekate said. "A lot of her friends were a generation younger, but

she would be dancing at two and three in the morning after we had had to give up."

In addition to her son, Mrs. Boyles is survived by a sister, Raye Wolf Levine of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a brother, Dr. Meyer Kaplan of New York, and two grandchildren.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. today at Weil Funeral Home, 3901 Reading Road. Entombment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery. Friends of Mrs. Boyles will dance during the graveside service.

Friends may call on the family this evening at 5673 Mapleridge Drive in Madeira.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Blanche Boyles Scholarship Fund of the Cincinnati Folk Dancers, in care of Earl Thiery, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

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