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In Memoriam Billy Levene



With Hope in a chess gown! (New York 2007)

Dr. Benjamin (Billy) Levene

* 16 February 1918 † 4 November 2015

Our eldest member, Dr. Benjamin (Billy) Levene passed away at the age of 97 already in last November, as we learned only a few days ago.

Billy Levene has been first and foremost a collector of chess sets and books, so he has especially campaigned for the Chess Collectors International (CCI USA). Once he has also visited a general meeting of the KWA, when the latter took place in <u>New York City, 2007</u>. On another occasion, the great chess exhibition in <u>Hamburg 2005</u>, organized by the CCI group, we met him with his wife Hope in Germany. Some years ago he has been included in the page <u>Our Doyens (Unsere Nestoren)</u> - please scroll down to the bottom of that page - where you will find more biographical details and photos of the deceased. An obituary was published in <u>CCI-USA News Vol. 2016 Issue 1</u> on page 3 (PDF, 3.6 MB).

We add a few photos of Billy with his wife Hope:



_ In Hamburg,

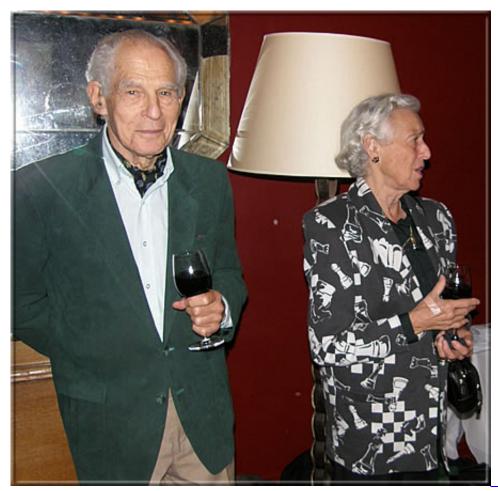
2005 (Photo courtesy of Andreas Saremba, Brieselang)



_ Photographed in

profile - in the background Yuri Averbakh

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(Last two photos courtesy of Dr. Michael Negele, Wuppertal)