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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 [New York City, 2007](#). On another occasion, the great chess exhibition in [Hamburg 2005](#), organized by the CCI group, we met him with his wife Hope in Germany. Some years ago he has been included in the page [Our Doyens \(Unsere Nestoren\)](#) - 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 [CCI-USA News Vol. 2016 Issue 1](#) on page 3 (PDF, 3.6 MB).

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

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2005 (Photo courtesy of Andreas Sarembo, Brieselang)

In Hamburg,



profile - in the background Yuri Averbakh

Photographed in



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With Hope in a chess

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