

Gordon Chapman

The death occurred on Monday 18th July 2005 of Gordon Chapman, (B. 23/12/29), from a heart attack at home.

The following obituary has been written by Ron Crayden.

In Memoriam - Gordon Chapman

A dark cloud cast its shadows over the Table Tennis fraternity of Surrey in mid-July, when Gordon Chapman sadly passed away with a severe Heart Attack. It is of a special sadness to announce the death of a sportsman with such courage, dignity and considerable determination. I first met Gordon when he was a young man, when he had an inborn ability to control a moving ball. He impressed me with a display of natural competence and total commitment. He raised the profile of Table Tennis and with enthusiasm he gave his all for his Team and County. As he grew older his playing skill began to slightly diminish, but his involvement with the sport still remained strong.

Those of us who knew Gordon well, unquestionably will remember him as a player and a person who was unselfish, modest, quietly efficient, undaunted and one who was closely attached to the Sport he loved. He will be sorely missed.

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It is an irrefutable fact that no person is immortal, but even so it is depressingly sad when an obituary needs to be written for one who dies when in the full flow of life. This sadness obviously struck at the hearts and minds of his beloved Wife ROSEMARY and FAMILY. So finally let us spare a thought for his Widow to whom we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Ron Crayden



European Championships 2005 O75's - Mens Singles

Winner-Terry Donlon, Runner Up-Geoff Brook, Semi-Finalists-Gordon Chapman & Lumir Ruzha (CZE)



Terry Donlon & Gordon Chapman