

Ted Sannella's Death Great Loss to Dance Community

Ted's Obituary as printed in the Boston Globe 20 November 1995:

Ted's death came rather suddenly for your editor, and there was not enough time to put together a tribute from his friends, as would have been more appropriate to appear in these pages, before the deadline for mailing the newsletter. So instead, here is his formal obituary as it appeared in the Globe:

Ted Sannella of Wiscasset, Maine, a former pharmacist at Richardson Drug in Concord and a choreographer whose forte was traditional dancing, died at his home Saturday after a long battle with cancer. He was 67.

Mr. Sannella was born and raised in Revere [Massachusetts]. He graduated from Revere High School in 1945 and Tufts in 1949, receiving degrees in biology and chemistry.

He worked as a pharmacist for 35 years before retiring in 1989 and moving to Maine.

Mr. Sannella devoted much of his time to traditional New England dancing as a caller, choreographer and dancer and was known among his peers as the dean of New England callers. He began calling professionally in 1946 and organized dance series in Cambridge, Westport, Concord [Mass.] and North Whitefield, Maine.

He was the past president of the New England Folk Festival Association and the North of Boston Callers' Association. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Boston Centre of the Country Dance Society and honorary member of the Country Dance and Song Society.

Mr. Sannella also served on the Board of Directors of the New England Folk Festival Association, the Folk Arts Center of New England and the National Council of the Country Dance and Song Society. He wrote three books on the subject and called dances in five foreign countries.

He leaves his wife, Jean (Davis); two daughters, Marianne Tibbetts of Windsor, Maine, and Janet Breslau of Jamaica Plain; two sons, Donald Sannella of Edinburgh, and Michael Sannella of Morristown, N.J.; a sister, Anna Mayo of Concord; a brother, Joseph Sannella of Muncie, Ind; and five grandchildren.

Those who wish may send cards to Jean Sannella at R1, Box 218, Old Sheepscot Rd., Wiscasset, ME, 04578.

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