CASTLEFORD YOUNG MUSICIANS

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VERA MAY LORRIMAN 1934 - 2022

Castleford Young Musicians would like to acknowledge the sad passing of their founder choir director Vera Lorriman on 29th December, 2022. Her burial at Whitwood Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the Christadelphian Hall, Hartley Street, Castleford, took place on 31st January, 2023.

Vera, together with her husband David and several other prominent local people established Castleford Young Musicians Society in 1966, following an inspirational visit by Musical Youth International from Michigan, USA.

Vera and David were the driving force in making the group such a success in the first fifteen years, but left to devote their time to follow their faith in the Christadelphian Church, to which they were both deeply committed.

Vera was a local teacher and Deputy Head Teacher working for 34 years at Castleford Girls' Secondary Modern School, later known as Castleford Park Middle School, Castleford Park Junior School and currently known as Park Junior Academy. In those years she was very much loved and respected by the children and young people she worked with and particularly those involved with Castleford Young Musicans. She was an inspirational lady and influenced many young people in developing their musical skills and talents, but went beyond this supporting many to develop life skills, which took them in to a variety of successful careers. She was a very caring person and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She leaves a tremendous legacy through her work and devotion to her Christodelphian faith and a continuing legacy to the young people and town of Castleford through the formative years of Castleford Young Musicians, which continues the work she began all those years ago.

Vera passed away peacefully at Garswood, Christadelphian Care Home, Southport, Lancashire, where she had lived for three years having moved from her home in Doncaster, which she had shared with her husband, David, for most of their married life, before he passed away in 2017.

Thank you Vera for all you did for the young people of Castleford, a number of whom are getting-on in years these days!

R.I.P. Vera

Ralph Jaggar (President, Castleford Young Musicians)

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