

A year has passed since we stopped to recall the influence dancers have on each other, and pay our respect to those no longer in our midst.

We have had to say good bye to some dear friends this year and think about all those known to us and those known to all the dancers across Canada who are not with us now.

Today we celebrate their lives, their laughter, their joy and their friendship and remember the good times we shared as dancers.

Each of us has been touched by these friends- they were the angels who helped us get those first basic moves right, who steered us in the right direction and helped us keep our set tight.

These same characteristics are needed in life – we all need someone who helps us make the right choices, heads us in the right direction and shows us how to live.

We give thanks for all dancers who have passed away this year and we will remember them. “To everything, turn, turn, turn. There is a season, a time to be born, a time to die.”

Please stand in love and respect for those people now.

Paul Burleigh,
Memorial