

## **John Stapley**

John Edward Stapley will be remembered by many members of the Transvaal Section as the person who took them on their very first climb or mountain adventure. John's affinity for the mountains was always a feeling he wanted to share with others and especially with beginners who tended to look upon climbing and mountaineering as a daunting prospect fraught with danger and risk. John's experience and intimate knowledge of our kloofs and peaks was more than sufficient to put many an apprehensive beginner at peace - so they could enjoy the experience.

He was a member of the Club for more than 20 years and made many friends and climbing companions throughout the country. He will be missed by many of us.

John was also an accomplished watercolour artist who realized his potential in painting mountain scenery, his favourite area being Cathedral Peak in the Drakensberg. He was alone on such a painting trip in this area in January 1986 when he disappeared into the mountains he loved so much.

**JF**