

## Andrew (Andy) Smith

Andrew grew up in a large and loving family in Clontarf. He taught his younger siblings how to play Chess, Poker and Pontoon. Later on in life, he was of course to discover his own love for Bridge.

In 1974 he joined the Army, where he served for 32 years, including two tours of duty in the Lebanon, eventually retiring with Military Exemplary Conduct. His other loves in life were his family, music and of course Bridge.

Andrew took up Bridge approximately 7/8 years ago and joined Malahide about 6 years ago. He was also a member of several clubs in Clontarf and surrounding areas. In the past couple of years he joined several clubs online, and was often to be seen online as Tricks52. Andrew was promoted to A2 grade in September 2021, much to his delight, and so would have been better known on "The B side" in the Club. He was a very enthusiastic and dedicated player and won a voucher most weeks. He was also a regular player in Malahide on Sunday afternoons, (before Covid). He played in many outside competitions including the Kirwan League and recently the A2 team he was on for the Navan Road Club in The Mid Leinster Cunningham League, won. He played a pivotal role on the team up to and including the penultimate match, which he played less than 2 weeks before he died. They dedicated the win to him.

Andrew was a kind and gentle man and will be missed sorely around Clontarf, by his family and friends, fellow Bridge players and all of us who knew him in Malahide.

May he Rest in Peace.

Deirdre Lonergan