



Deirdre Melvin

Deirdre Melvin, (nee Martin), was born on May 16th 1956, to Judge Frank and Betty Martin.

The 2nd eldest of four children, she grew up in The Rise, Malahide and Central Cottage, Kinsealy. She studied Arts in U.C.D. and joined the staff of Belvedere, becoming the second female staff member in the school. German was her main subject. The staff of Belvedere became part of her family.

In 1987, Deirdre married Shane, the love of her life. As I have known Deirdre for over 40 years, I recall a great wedding in the Grand Hotel. Deirdre and Shane moved to Toronto in 1988. Their twins, Elizabeth and Eoin, were born there. They returned to Malahide in 1992.

Deirdre and I started playing bridge on a Wednesday night about 16 years ago. We subsequently changed to a Thursday night, when a new "B" competition started.

Unfortunately, Deirdre was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2016. She was then unable to play. Throughout her illness, Deirdre had a very positive attitude. She had an incredible zest for life. She never complained. She was kind, generous and thoughtful. We had plenty of outings to coffee shops and always a bit of shopping thrown in! We were regulars in the Malahide boutiques. Deirdre was an inspiration to me and I shall miss her greatly, as will all of her many friends and colleagues.

My thoughts are with Shane, Elizabeth and Eoin, and her brothers, David, Alan and Ivan, as they mourn her loss.

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Marian McDonagh