



Jackie Griffin RIP. (29th August 2022)

It was with mixed feelings of sadness and a sense of relief when I heard the news of Jackie's passing. RIP.

Jackie was born in Athlone and was the 2nd youngest of 9. She qualified as a Primary teacher in 1972.

We started bridge lessons (by accident) together in 1984 and we joined MRBC at its inception in 1986 and enjoyed many years playing together. One of the highlights being the winning of the 1st Bridge Congress held in MRBC in 1989.

However in 1993 I decided to take a break from bridge for a number of years for further studies. Unfortunately during that time Jackie was diagnosed with the debilitating illness of Huntington's disease, which turned out to be a life long sentence of 23 years.

She never complained despite having very good reason to do so, as Jackie was practically fully restricted both physically and verbally, although her mind was still very sharp. An illness she bore with great dignity and gracefulness.

She was very well looked after by her husband Pat and her 3 sons, Carl, Darren and Cian, whom she adored and was so proud of. Pat had around the clock care for Jackie in her home until it got to the stage it could be done no more. She moved to Hamilton Park Nursing home in Balrothery, where she was cared for, for 10 years. Jackie was not short of friends, All of whom came up trumps during her illness with regular visitations.

While Jackie had difficulty relating she always loved a laugh and loved to hear the news from the bridge club. She was very capable, highly intelligent and a great bridge player and would have become a master if time had allowed her. She was calm with a great sense of humour and was very unassuming, never seeking or needing validation. -Just a joy to play bridge with.

She loved her fashion and was a regular at the Malahide boutiques.

Jackie 'A Bright Light Has Gone Out With Your Passing' You were an inspiration to us all and all the lives you touched will be forever the richer for it.

You are now at peace, and I feel so privileged to have had you in my life both as my bridge partner and very Dear Friend.

Jackie, May you Rest In Peace.

Pauline Duddy