



Jim Ryan

Even though we knew that Jim was very seriously ill, it came as a great shock when we got the message that Jim had passed away on January 15th.

It brought us back to the wonderful times we shared since we first got to know him and Brenda in the early 90's. It was Jim and Brenda's Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration which was held in the MRBC. Carmel was the Bar Secretary and I was volunteered as barman.

For the next 30 years we shared many enjoyable times here in Ireland and in Spain. We went on Bridge Breaks and Congresses with the Club and many other besides.

In those days, the Club's Summer BBQ was legendary, Jim and P.J. Gunn doing the cooking, then followed a marvellous singsong where Jim's melodious bass voice was a joy to listen to. Looking back, there were many other Party Nights in the Club and in each other's homes. Jim and Peter Tierney generally led the singsong and they were very hard acts to follow !!

Later on, Jim and I began playing on a Wednesday night. We took our bridge seriously but we also valued the social element. In the 20+ years we played together, there was never a harsh word between us and I couldn't have asked for a nicer Bridge partner.

When Jim's health began to fail, with his innate generosity of spirit, he called to our home and apologised for being unable to continue with the partnership. I very much miss our Wednesday session and all the other social occasions Carmel and I have had with Jim and Brenda.

The very strong sentiment that came from the condolence messages on RIP.ie, was that Jim was such a gentleman at the bridge table and in all the other facets of his life.

I know that Jim is a heartfelt loss to Brenda, Gillian & Sean, Valerie & Ronan, Jimmy & Carol, Margaret & Ryan and his 14 adored and adoring Grandchildren.

Ar deis Dé go raibh a anam dilís agus ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

Bob & Carmel Linnane