



Madge O'Sullivan

One of the notes of condolence written for my lovely Bridge partner Madge reads, "There will be a singsong in Heaven tonight", and indeed what joy and fun she brought to the lives of so many.

Born in Ringsend, raised in Killester, Madge was one of fourteen. From Musicals to Irish ballads, her repertoire was legendary, she made "Dublin in the rare old times" her own. Tinkle a piano or strum a guitar, she was up there belting it out, entertaining and loving it - a regular at the Royal Stuart/Oscars, the Grand and golf clubs. Putting her on your guest list ensured your party would swing.

Mention of Madge and one thinks glamour, she was always impeccably turned out, indeed it is said of her that she found the most intolerable aspect of the lockdown was the unavailability of her weekly hair do.

As a young woman she worked in Arnotts, and it was there that she met the love of her life Michael.

They lived in Artane but eventually settled in Seapark for many years with their lovely family. When they decided to down size, they moved next door to Malahide Regional Bridge Club, to Broomfield Mews. They were among the youngest there for a while as only those over 55 years old could purchase a home in the Mews.

We were bridge partners from when Paddy English introduced us to the game. In the early days when we were young and the club was new, the social evenings were memorable. At that time the lounge had a fireplace and a piano, the perfect ambience. We had the best of times, with no shortage of performers, not least among them, Madge.

She was an affable and charming partner, ever generous and patient with new players who came to our table. Bridge for both of us was a very good part of our lives.

Last year when she needed to go to live in the Talbot Lodge, she was no stranger. For many years, Madge, accompanied by Celene Hussey on piano, had entertained the residents there, spreading her inimitable joie de vivre and good cheer.

May her dear soul rest peacefully.

Rosaleen Flynn