



## Mary Kenehan an appreciation

Sadly our dear friend Mary died on the 3rd of July 2014. Fiona Maguire and I were her long standing partners.

Mary started bridge in the mid-nineties and soon afterwards joined the MRBC. We played together on Tuesday nights and after a few short years, having won the Tuesday night captain's prize we moved on to Wednesdays. Later on, Mary teamed up with Fiona on Monday nights. We both enjoyed success with Mary but on nights when things did not go so well Mary would often say, "we didn't do well, but still I enjoyed it". Enjoying the company of others meant more to Mary than winning.

When the MRBC golf society started, Mary joined and although she was new to golf, within a short time, took on the job of secretary. Later she joined Malahide Golf Club where she made many new friends. Her cheerful demeanour endeared her to all she met.

Since Mary's death both Fiona and I have received the same repeated comment from all who have commiserated with us on her passing, "She was a real Lady". Mary was indeed always a true Lady. She will long be remembered for her positive outlook on life and her gentle smile.

Mary and her husband Joe were married for forty years. They enjoyed the theatre, jazz music, and travel. They loved their many visits to Ballynahinch Castle, also holidays to Italy and Cape Town. We are sorry for Joe's loss and Mary's sister Anne Mooney who is also a member of MRBC. We are sorry for our own loss too, as we miss Mary's quiet and easy ways.

At Mary's funeral a wonderful rendition of "Autumn Leaves", was given on the saxophone by a jazz friend. Her nephew also shared some fond memories of his Aunt Mary with the congregation. My own four children who grew up in Portmarnock, living across the road from Mary, were very sad at her passing and will always remember her kindness to them and the little treats she gave them.

Mary joined the Bank of Ireland from school and worked there for over 30 years. Her job was onerous and she was delighted to take early retirement when it came. So relieved was she that in the early days of retirement she was often heard to say, "It feels like I've died and gone to heaven". Fiona and I are sure that her gentle soul has indeed found its way to heaven.

*"Ár Dheish De go raibh a anam dilís"  
Brendan Redmond*