



Rosaleen Flynn

I first met Rosaleen when she was the School Secretary in the Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin. I perceived her then to be glamorous, busy and ever so efficient. Years later, to the surprise of both of us, we met up at the bridge table. And I got to know the other Rosaleen! She was still glamorous of course, but warm, friendly and ever ready to share bridge nuggets. We had many a good chat about my various relatives who were still in the Glasnevin Convent. Rosaleen was a great story teller from those times.

As everyone knows, Jim and herself were married for over fifty years. He, having played in dance bands, and Rosaleen's beautiful singing voice, ensured theirs was a music filled life in Seapark, where they eventually settled and had their family, Austin and Brenda. So many of the condolences posted about Rosaleen recall her warmth and friendliness as a neighbour.

Earlier this year her bridge partner, Madge O'Sullivan, passed away. Theirs was a very long friendship. In the appreciation piece that Rosaleen wrote for her lovely friend, she says "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.....we had the best of times, with no shortage of performers". By all accounts, Rosaleen and Jim were no shrinking violets when called to perform.

It is indeed poignant to have Rosaleen's own sentiments to quote from, she says, "Bridge for both of us, (Madge and herself), was a very good part of our lives". And now, both of these glamorous, talented and popular women, are gone within months of each other and that great bridge partnership has ended.

We offer our sympathy to Brenda and Austin, and to the rest of her lovely family.

May her dear soul rest peacefully.

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