

Sadie Dempsey RIP – An Appreciation

I was deeply saddened by the very sudden passing of my dear friend Sadie Dempsey. Sadie was a proud Kerry woman, who was raised in Firies near Killarney. When she moved to Dublin to work in the Civil Service, she shared a flat with other Kerry ladies, some of whom became lifelong friends. While working in Dublin, she met Garry Dempsey with whom she shared a long and happy marriage that produced four beautiful, loving children.

Sadie began playing bridge in Malahide and I first met her while playing in Portmarnock in 1980. That meeting was the beginning of an enduring friendship that lasted for over 40 years. Sadie was best known for her wit and sense of fun, which she never failed to bring to the bridge table. We played bridge in the Airport ALSAA club and eventually joined the Regional Bridge Club. We laughed our way through many bridge holidays. Oh, so many joyful memories! Our friendship extended well beyond bridge, and we shared many days wining and dining, sharing stories and of course, plenty of laughter.

Sadie and Garry celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary two days before she passed. On her last day, we met for lunch and played a lovely game of bridge in the Tennis Club. On the way home, she fell ill and subsequently passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Sadie is very sadly missed by all who knew her. It was a privilege for me to have known her and to be able to count her amongst my friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

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