



## Jim Flynn – An Appreciation

I played bridge with Jim for many years and I always enjoyed his sense of humour and fun.

Jim, the youngest of 7 children was born in Dublin in 1934, but moved to England with his family at a very young age. He spent his formative years there before returning to Ireland in his twenties, starting work as a compositor in the Irish Independent and meeting Rosaleen his future wife and they went on to be married for over 50 years and to have 2 children Austin and Brenda.

Jim was very proud of his family and many times he mentioned them and what they were doing. He also loved visiting England to see his granddaughters Cara and Lucy and always had a story about their exploits when he came back.

Jim was a great lover of music and performed for many years with different groups and bands. He was particularly fond of Perry Como and Frank Sinatra. Jim and Rosalee often sang together and they performed many times at functions in Malahide Bridge Club. A particular favourite of theirs was "I Can't Stop Loving You".

When Austin started his company Jim was very involved and indeed he gave me a lot of assistance in my year as Tournament Officer when preparing the club diary – a task he continued each year. Jim took great pride in the company and we had many chats on how it was doing.

Jim's father saw active service in war time and was involved in, among others, the Boer war and the First World War. Austin researched and found his grandfather's wartime records and not too long before Jim's passing was able to obtain replicas of all his medals. This must have been an amazing and proud day for Jim to see all the medals on display.

To finish I remember Jim's sense of fun and the nicknames he gave to many of the bridge players! 'BEEHIVE' 'NAILS' and 'EYEBROWS'!

Jim will be missed by all who knew him.

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