



Kitty Crossen (nee Cassidy) 1924-2015

Born on 21st July 1924, Kitty was the third eldest of 11 children. She grew up in Castle Avenue, Clontarf and as a young girl growing up there she loved swimming and playing tennis on the tennis court in her back garden. Kitty also loved the 'Hops' in the Clontarf Tennis Club and no doubt she had a stunning presence there.

Kitty's family owned Cassidy Fabrics in George's Street so, with this family background, it is no surprise that her first job would be in Arnotts and that soon afterwards she would be appointed Buyer and given her own department to run. No surprise either that as the youngest Buyer ever in her day she was the 'the talk of the town'!

She was later to leave Arnotts to go to Madame Nora's on O' Connell St, taking over from her aunt, as Managing Director. Her classy lingerie shop was a famous Dublin landmark where most of us would have, at some time, made a special purchase. Men included!

Kitty was a busy woman in her family life too. She met Fonsie, a widower with a small son called Fergus. They married in 1963. Her beloved daughter Lisa arrived on the scene three years later. However, she still found time to play bridge in the North Country Bridge Club and the Malahide Bridge Club, both which preceded our Malahide Regional Bridge Club. This busy lady also managed to play golf and socialise in the Island Golf Club, at times leaving Fonsie behind to do what he called the 'squaw duties' of cooking and ironing!

Independent to the end Kitty did not want to go to a Nursing Home and so spent the last two years of her life in her own home with Lisa and her loving grandchildren. Kitty was 90 when she passed away in Connolly Hospital last summer.

Those who knew her of old will remember that Kitty was a stalwart member of the Malahide Regional Bridge Club from the very beginning and that her name was bound to be on the board for all major competitions. Those who played in the Portmarnock Bridge Club will remember her as a loyal member of that club until its closure in 2009. A memory expressed from the early years is one of Fonsie accompanying her to the club summer barbeques and social events. Bridge partners Willie Heath, Florrie McElroy and Kitty Quinn and many more besides, can attest to the fact that Kitty was a loyal member of this club and a keen bridge player. Many of us will remember in the latter years how she would arrive in the club of an evening and kibitz at a table, comfortable in the surroundings of her beloved Malahide Regional Bridge Club.

Kitty died on May 16th, 2015.

Lisa says she will always be loved and always missed.

We too miss her in the Bridge club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh n'anam dílis.

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