

Miriam Murran – An Appreciation



Miriam passed away on the 4th April 2017, surrounded by family and friends. At her funeral many members expressed their surprise at how ill she had been. Miriam preferred to keep her illness private, those close to her had watched for four years while she fought a courageous and dignified fight.

In spite of her illness, Miriam never lost her sense of humour and she regaled us with stories of meetings with the Consultants, challenging their opinions and sending them off with their tail between their legs!

This didn't come as a surprise, knowing Miriam as I did for over thirty years, she could be bossy, opinionated and very determined. But she also had great warmth and kindness. She was a great friend and confidant and was still close to many of her childhood school friends.

We met in the 80's and shared a house and many good times. During this time we met our future husbands, married and became Mums. Eventually in our '40's we felt we were ready for Bridge!

Miriam was a member of the Malahide Regional Bridge Club for almost twenty years. She spent seven of those years on Council including a year as President at the beginning of her illness. Miriam made many friends in the MRBC and in particular 'The Bridgette's' and over the years our group became firm friends. Especially close to Miriam were Marian Lawlor and Rachel McHale who offered great kindness and support to Miriam during her illness.

At the bridge table we sometimes squabbled – I was too cautious and she was a gambler – but we also laughed a lot and when we left the table the game was behind us – it never affected our friendship.

After a career in travel Miriam went back to study law in Blackhall Place and became a solicitor in her late 30's eventually becoming Senior Partner in Frances E. Barron Solicitors in Ashbourne. She also spent five years with the Ashbourne Lions Club and was President for three of those years.

Miriam was a wonderful hostess and cook, a loving wife and Mother, friend and sister. We all miss her quick beaming smile, laughter, sense of fun and friendship.

Cathy Rearden