

## **Vera Talbot – An Appreciation** by Sineád Collins



Vera was born in 1927 in Rathgar and grew up there. On her marriage to Rob she moved northside, first to Raheny and then to Malahide, the home of the Talbots. She had one son, Ian of whom she frequently spoke lovingly and proudly.

I met Vera through bridge. In 2003 both of us lost our previous partners and we were introduced by the Wednesday Captain of that year. We became bridge partners and very soon were good friends. I have great memories of the years I had the great pleasure of playing with her. She was a very good bridge player and I learned a lot from her. She loved her bridge and played several times a week well into her eighties. Monday morning there was a house game with a large circle of friends. On Tuesday, she played in the tennis club. Wednesday night saw her in the Regional and Thursday in the Talbot! And all this in spite of many serious health problems which she never let get her down.

But bridge was not her only interest. Vera was widely read and had a great interest in and knowledge of national and international affairs, she followed sport on television and loved to discuss tennis and rugby with similarly minded friends. I collected her each Wednesday and on our way to the club we settled the affairs of the world!

Vera was a very independent lady. She lived alone and liked to get out and about whenever possible. She frequently took a taxi to the Pavilions and enjoyed a cup of coffee at Lily O'Briens and watched the world go by.

Sadly, Vera's health deteriorated and in 2015 when she could no longer live alone she moved to a nursing home in Sandymount, where she received excellent care. She missed being so far from her friends in Malahide and died after a short illness in February 2017.

She is fondly remembered by her many friends. May she rest in peace.

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