

## Patricia Evers

I write this tribute to my lovely friend with a heavy heart. We were Bridge partners and friends for over thirty years. We had the best of times as we attended congresses and national competitions all over Ireland, very often with a sizeable contingent from MRBC. Patricia was a good Bridge player, always very interested in learning new conventions and systems. We would plot and plan and discuss at length how we would introduce these into our game.

She and her sisters Anne and Brigid had learned their Bridge with Paddy English in the mid 90s and all three joined our club. With Bernie Warnock and myself we often formed teams or played as pairs. We liked to think of ourselves as formidable opposition, true or perhaps not, we had great fun and became firm friends as a group.

We wined and dined in the cities of Europe on Short Breaks and in the restaurants of Malahide and north County Dublin. And it was along the coast of Malahide that she and I would head during Covid for long walks. We would put the world to rights and kept each other sane.

She grew up in Finglas where her parents had a shop. Very proud of her Mulholland roots she researched her family's history and extensively used Facebook to share long forgotten photos and stories.

And she was one fanatical Liverpool supporter. Her grandson talked of their now treasured afternoons watching soccer together. At Monday morning Bridge she knew her fellow fans, and time permitting , analysis would ensue!

Patricia was a medical secretary, and worked until relatively recently in the Mater and Beaumont hospitals, she enjoyed meeting former colleagues who are MRBC members. Patricia was a gregarious, opinionated, straight talking , strong woman. She loved life and lived it to the full. I shall miss her.

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