



Helen Heelan

It was with great sadness that we heard of Helen's death on 10th May 2019.

After a relatively short illness, she passed away quietly and with dignity, as she had lived, in the company of her husband Michael, sons Connor, Brian and Barry and beloved niece Fiona.

Helen was the middle child of eleven musical Manning children, born near Bantry, in West Cork. She laid down deep roots in Malahide with Michael, and her children. She formed lasting friendships, both in her community, and with the staff of St Sylvester's Infant School. She held the posts here of Class Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal from which she retired, as staff member of 20 years, in 1998.

Helen had an abiding interest in music and choral singing. She sang in Church Choirs, and with Malahide Golf Club Singers, over many years. She enjoyed her Golf and fun with the Ladies, and Michael, and received many the hand shake during that time.

Helen also had a very keen interest in the Malahide Regional Bridge Club. She moved up the rankings here in the Bridge world to become a Master Player. She and Michael represented Leinster in a 4-person team, and had a great gift of being able to impart knowledge in simple terms to new, and sometimes struggling, novices.

We celebrated Helen's life with Fr. Keegan in the parish church, to show appreciation by the community, colleagues, friends and past pupils, accompanied by music compiled by Helen. Our final farewell music, was to the words and tune of "Breastplate of St Patrick" - "I arise today."

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Una Mulcahy