

2008 OBITUARIES

January

Helen "Dede" Bothwell, on January 7th, in Granada Hills. She is survived by her brother Tom Gillespie, sisters Nancy Rea and Terry Christian. Helen leaves 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Helen has joined her beloved husband Leon and son Steven in heaven. Vince Gilboy is Helen's first cousin.

February

Barry Moran, son of Lucy and the late Steve Moran, passed away on 11th February 2008 in Ventura.

Peter Joseph "Pete" Bateman, born in Co Donegal on 22nd October 1957, passed away in Pasadena on 13th February 2008 in Pasadena. Survived by his wife Jenny, his parents Charles and Ann Bateman and brothers Michael and Tim.

March

Joseph Hart was born in Los Angeles in 1932 and passed away in West Covina on March 10th 2008. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ellen; also son Patrick and daughters Ellen Escobar, Cathy Nagle and Colette Trammell; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Timothy J. "Joe" Sullivan, born April 20, 1933; died March 11, 2008. Funeral was at St. John Baptist de la Salle, in Granada Hills, on March 15. He was born in Killarney, Co Kerry. Survived by his wife Eileen; sons Michael, Joe, Sean; daughters Julie, Teri, Eileen; grandchildren Daniel, Ashley, Sophia, Zack, Jake and Hannah.

April

Frank J. McGonigal was born in Bellevue Hospital, New York on 15th March 1918 and passed away on 9th April 2008. Frank loved and supported everything Irish. He enjoyed his several trips to Ireland and especially to the hills of Donegal where his grandfather was born. The Irish Center will miss the green clad Frank at their functions. He served our country in the U S Army for four years. Frank married his wife Gloria on 1st November 1942. He is survived by son Frank; daughter Maureen; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Frank J. McGonigal was a "good" man.

Mrs Sheila Walsh passed away in Alhambra on April 5th after a brief illness. Predeceased by her husband, Marty. She was born January 8, 1935 in Los Angeles. Her Parents were William and Mary McLaren. She grew up in the Irish community. She meet Marty Walsh at an Irish dance. They were married April 27, 1957. They were blessed with six children: Marty, Mike, Pat, Robby, Mary & Susie, They had 14 grandchildren:

From Marty & wife Patricia came Martin, Kathleen & Kevin

From Mike & wife Patti came Brad & Lauren

From Pat came James, Lisa and Sheila

From Robby came Brianna

From Mary came Ryan and Ashley Potter

From Susie & husband Duane came Victoria, Carolyn and Thomas Michalsky

Monsignor Patrick Gallagher passed away in San Pedroon April 4th. He was born in County Sligo in 1941. Monsignor was educated in the local schools before entering All Hallows Seminary in 1960. After ordination the young priest arrived in Southern California on July 19th, 1966. In 1984 after serving in several parishes he was appointed pastor of Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro. Monsignor Gallagher is survived by his brother John (Kitty), his sisters Anne (Michael) and Sister Francis, Religious Sister of Charity.

Benjamin "Bud" Salvaty III, who was born in Chicago in 1940 passed away on April 12th. His family moved to Alhambra in 1946. Ben was educated at St Therese School, Alhambra, Loyola High School, L.A., University of Notre Dame and U S C Law School. He was President of Irish American Bar Association and active in many other organizations. Survived by his wife Patricia, son Paul (Lizzie), daughter Kathleen (Steve), and grandchildren Annie, Sam, Phoebe, Jane and Frank.

Mary Josephine Kelly, born in Dublin in 1930 passed away on 24th April 2008 in Temecula. Mary has joined her husband Larry in heaven. She is survived by her four children: James, Joan, Kathleen and Brian; six grandchildren: Bridget, Patrick, Meghan, Sean, Alyssa and Riley; son-in-law Danny; daughters-in-law Joy and Gina. Mary and Larry met at a dance at the Olympic Dance Hall in Dublin in 1952. On 21st February 1954 they were married at 10 am at St Agnes Church in Dublin and at 5 pm that same day they started on their journey to this country as Mr and Mrs Kelly.

May

Sister M. Dorothy Cloherty, a Sister of St Louis, passed away on 15th May. Born in 1931 in Carndonagh Co Donegal, Sister Dorothy entered religious life in 1949. She was a teacher and a principal for 47 years in Ireland and California including St Mel's, St Bede's, Mater Dei High, St Louis of France, St Cyprian's and Nativity. Mourned by her sister Nora, Carna, Co Galway and by the Sisters of St Louis.

Rev Fr Philip J. McGrath, pastor emeritus of St Bernard Church, Bellflower passed away on 23rd May 2008. He was born in 1928 in Inistioige, Co Kilkenny. Fr McGrath was ordained in 1954 and appointed to Los Angeles. After serving in several parishes as associate pastor he was appointed pastor at St Bernard's in 1975. Fr Phillip retired from active duty in 1998. He is survived by his sister Imelda, brother Richard and several nieces and nephews.

Catherine Shea was born on 16th November 1918 and passed on 29th May 2008. Catherine joins her beloved husband, Jerry in heaven. Catherine is survived by sons Daniel (Victoria), Jerry and Michael ; daughter Mary and grandchildren Christopher and Danielle. Funeral mass at St Dominic's Church followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

June

Mrs Julia Barry aged 97 passed away in Co Cork. She was the mother of Monsignor John F. Barry, pastor of American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach. June 16th

Kathleen Barnes Miller passed away on 6th June. Kathleen was born and reared in Belfast. She married James "Jim" Miller in Los Angeles in 1960. They lived off Loz Feliz Blvd in Los Angeles. Mourned by her loving husband of 48 years, Jim; their son Brian Patrick (Kelly) Miller and beloved grandson Riley Jameson Miller.

Thomas "Tom" Nolan, who was born in Tyrellspass, County Westmeath on 18th December 1929 passed away on June 7th. Arrived in Los Angeles by way of Canada in 1956. Married his wife Dolores in 1960. Survived by his wife Dolores and sons Paul and Mark. Tom was very active in the Irish community, especially with Gaelic games, and held every position including President of the Southern California Gaelic Athletic Association. Tom was our local Irish Historian. Tom was a sports correspondent for several Irish newspapers. Tom belonged to the Toastmasters organization. In March 2007, the Irish Center of Southern California Inc., presented a plaque to Tom and Dolores Nolan acknowledging their herculean support for everything Irish.

Anne Mary Mannion Zabinsky passed away on 9th June in Torrance. Anne Mary was born in Galway in 1934. Survived by her husband John; daughters Eileen Zabinsky-Sands and Mary Riple; and grandchildren Sean and James.

Richard "Skip" Driscoll passed away on June 18th at his home in Prescott, Arizona. He was born in Boston on 25th May 1941. After completing four years in the United States Air Force he worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry in St Louis. That's where he met Rosemary Reddy. Skip and Rosemary were married on 26th June 1965 in St Louis. Later they moved to Southern California where Skip continued working in the aerospace industry. Skip and Rosemary, while raising their three children, Coleen, Rick and Rob got very involved with their church activities and with the Irish community. Skip retired in 2004 from Litton/Northrop. Shortly thereafter they moved to Prescott. Skip and Rosemary soon got involved with the American Red Cross, Heritage Zoo and other non profit groups in Prescott. Skip is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary, daughter Coleen, sons Rick (Lorena), Rob (Lindsay) and five grandchildren Victoria, Eileen, Samantha, Katelyn and Emily. The grandchildren will sure miss "Pop Pop." Skip is also survived by his brother Dennis (Judy) Driscoll in Cave Creek, Arizona.

July

Margaret "Peggy" McCormack passed away on 11th July. Peggy was born in Belfast on 8th July 1935. Predeceased by her husband Larry and son "wee" Larry. Peggy is survived by daughters Christina (Jimmy) and Margaret (Edwin); beloved grandchildren Joseph, Alyssa, Jocelyn and Angel; sister Patsy (Gerry) and brothers Lawrence and John (Rosaleen).

Maria C Angeletti was born on 10th December 1937 in Shankill, Co. Dublin. Came to Los Angeles with her mother in 1947. After education at St Monica's and Mount St Mary's she returned to Dublin and obtained her B.A. from University College, Dublin. In 1959 mother and daughter moved to Rome to work on a movie. In Rome, Maria met and married her husband with whom she had a son, Kevin. In the late 1960's the family returned to Los Angeles. Maria, while working at MGM, decided at the age of 42 to attend Loyola Law School and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1984. At MGM, Maria was Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Secretary when she retired in 2000. She passed away on July 12th from lung cancer. She is survived by her son, Kevin. "She was born with the gift of laughter and believed the world was mad."

Jayne Westin, predeceased by her loving husband, Dr Wil Westin, passed away at her home in La Canada. Services took place at Glendale Forest Lawn on Friday 25th July 2008. Reverend Charles Orr, Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, presided. When Rev Orr was appointed Pastor in Westwood in 1970, Dr Wil and Jayne were the first couple he married. Mrs Westin attended the Irish Center's St Patrick's Celebration for the past several years. We extend our sympathy to Ms. Heather Westin on the loss of her mom.

Robert F. Walsh passed away at his home in Burbank on July24th. "Bob" was predeceased in death by his wife Nora. He is survived by his sisters-in-law Kathleen and Teresa; his brother-in-law Brendan; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on July 29th at San Fernando Mission Chapel.

Elizabeth "Betty" O'Sullivan, widow of the late Sean O'Sullivan (The Spa, Tralee) passed away at her home in San Mateo on July 24th. Survived by her brothers-in-law Monsignor Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Coronado; Martin O'Sullivan, Sun Valley; Liam O'Sullivan, Kildare; Tommy O'Sullivan, Dublin; and Eamon O'Sullivan, Dublin; and sister-in-law, Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Los Angeles. Betty is also survived by several nephews and nieces.

Josephine "JoJo" O'Reilly Mungovan passed away on July 26th. She was born in Detroit in 1918. She is survived by four sons and one daughter, eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Predeceased by daughter Sheila in 2001. Survivors: Son Dennis and wife Sue, and their family, John, Kathy, twins Brendan and Laura O'Reilly. John has two children AnnaRita and Brittney, and Laura has Lindsey, Lauryn and Lacey. Son Terry and wife Darla and their family Terren, Kaitlin, Brendan P.O'Reilly. Sons Pat O'Reilly and Tim O'Reilly. Daughter Maureen and husband Bill Chalk and their family, Liam, Kevin, Janel and Sean Chalk. Liam's children are Kaiya and Emma, and Janel has Riley. JoJo celebrated her 90th birthday on the April 3rd, surrounded by her loving and extended family. The celebration of JoJo's life took place at St Jerome's Church on 2nd August.

Thomas "Tommy" McCooley passed away on July 28th in North Hollywood, where he had lived for 50 years. Tommy was born in Ballybay, Co Monahan. Tommy is survived by his sisters in Ireland, Ohio and New York. The funeral mass took place at St Patrick's in North Hollywood on August 8th.

August

John Murray, who was born in Belfast in November 1929, passed away on 29th August.. John is survived by his wife Pat, son Gerard, daughter Anne-Marie (Schaffer) and two grandsons, Scott and Colin Schaffer. Before coming to this country John worked in Toronto. In 1954 John and Pat married there. John's passing is a major loss not only to his family but to the Irish community here in Southern California. John and Pat were very involved with the Irish Fair, Irish Dancing and Irish Feis. If any group needed help John and Pat were the first people to respond. The service for John Murray took place on Thursday, September 4th, at St Paul's Church in Westwood.

September

John Joseph Jones passed in his sleep on 20th September 2008. John was born on 18th January 1965. Survived by his parents Richard Patrick (Cork) and Annie (Tyrone) Jones; sister Maura Kneafsey; brothers Matthew and Richard Jones. Also mourned by his lady friend Yvonne Fleury. The Jones family owned and operated the Irish Import Shop for several years.

Frank McCoy aged 81 passed away on 21st September 2008 in Portadown, Co Armagh. He is survived by his wife Nancy; daughter Ursula in Portadown and his sister Joan McConver in Burbank. Frank had been in declining health for the past few years and succumbed to a heart attack.

October

Kathleen Ann King was born on 17th August 1984 and passed on 27th October 2008 killed by a drunk driver. She is mourned by her parents Peter and Rose Cox King; sister Amber; brothers Pete Jr and PFC Logan; grandmother Mary Cox. The 24 year old Katie also leaves grandma Patricia King, twenty seven aunts and uncles and twenty three cousins. Katie's legacy lives on with her gracious and loving organ donation.

Geraldine McConville Holdsworth who was born in Portadown, Co Armagh in May 1927 passed away at the home of her daughter Shawn in La Mesa on 29th October 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Holdsworth and son Frank Holdsworth. She is survived by her daughter Shawn (John) Hanley; sons Daniel (Michelle), Bob, Timothy (Megan) and Tracy; and eight grandchildren; sisters Nuala in Norfolk, England and Josephine --Sister Bernadette MMM in Drogheda; and brother Tom McConville in Burbank .

Monica Bennett McConville was born in Pomona on 2nd October 1978 and passed suddenly at the age of 30 on 30th October 2008 in San Diego where she had spent much of her life. Monica was a preschool teacher. She is survived by her husband Daniel; her parents Brian and Jeanine Bennett; her sister Annie (Ryan) Duncan; her father and mother in law Colin and Candi McConville in North Hills, Ca.

Ann Martin Eustace aged 68 passed on 26th November. . Ann was born in central Dublin. Ann married Robert Eustace in Los Angeles in 1960. They returned to Dublin in 1970 and took up residence in Greystones, Co Wicklow. Ann is survived by her husband Robert and sons Brian and Sean and daughters Anna and Jenny. Jenny lives in Kilcoole in Co Wicklow, while the other three reside in Los Angeles County. Ann is also survived by siblings: Tim and Alan in Los Angeles; Jack, Paul, Terry and Clare in Dublin and Mag in Andora.

December

Edmund "Eddie" O'Dwyer was born in Kilkenny on September 17, 1919 and passed away on December 12, 2008 in Victorville. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Peg (McLoughlin) O'Dwyer from Nenagh, Tipperary. Also survived by two sons, four daughters, sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Eddie was in World War II never and rescued injured soldiers under enemy fire at the Battle of Dunkirk in France. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1950 but hero fought his Irish roots. For most of his life, he played the accordion at family gatherings which of course consisted mostly of Irish songs and dance. He will be truly missed by his wife, family, friends and all whose lives he touched.

Nora Bridget O'Shea McEntee was born on 9th June 1927 in Killeenlea, Co Kerry and passed on 11th December 2008 at her home in Burbank. Nora is survived by her husband of 53 years, Patrick; daughters Mary (Jim) Gosnell, Peggy, Patricia (Daniel) and Noreen; grandchildren Scott and Tom Gosnell; Madeline and Daniel Casquilho. Also survived by her brothers Fionan and Michael.

Conor Cruise O'Brien a leading Irish scholar, politician and diplomat who rose to international prominence passed away at his home near Dublin. "The Cruiser" as he was known to friends was 91. He is survived by his wife poet, Maire MacEntee, five children and five grandchildren. on December 18th.

Bartholomew "Bart " Murphy was born in the city of Cork on 5th February 1934 and passed away in West Covina on 27th December 2008. He is survived by his Belfast born wife of 46 years, Nancy; also mourned by son Sean (Maria); daughters Ann-Marie, Roisin (Ed), Marguerite and Patricia; granddaughters Amanda, Katie and Emily.