

2009 OBITUARIES

December

Joan May Manning, beloved wife of Thomas F Manning (Tom) of Granada Hills, CA passed away on December 15, 2009 from complications of ovarian cancer surgery. Joan was a Londoner by birth, but a Yankee at heart, coming to America in 1956 with her husband Tom. She was an active member of the Burbank clubs (Moose, VFW, American Legion) and a talented singer who entertained many of us over the years with her lovely voice. She is survived by her loving daughters Chris O'Shaunnessy of Sunland CA, Mary Schumacher of Denver, CO and Shelagh Manning of Towanda, PA and by her many beautiful grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Patrick J. Kane was born on 21st October 1933 in Bray, Co Wicklow and passed on 16th December 2009 in Loughlinstown Hospital, Co Wicklow. Patrick and his wife Brenda came here in 1963. They joined St Therese Parish in Alhambra. Their six children all graduated from the parish school. The Kane's maintained a home in Co Wicklow. While Pat was in Ireland in December 2009 he became ill. After much persuasion from the family "Poppers" agreed to be checked out at the Loughlinstown Hospital. He was diagnosed --" a severe case of pneumonia". Pat had left it too late. He wanted to see his own doctor here in California. Alas, Pat did not make that scheduled flight on 10th January 2010. Most of the family live in Ireland but Pat waited till son Ed arrived from Kentucky and son Mike from Valencia and Deirdre from Temple City. Deidre was the last to arrive at noon on 16th December. With the entire family and extended family around him Patrick J Kane left them at 8.15 pm that evening. Pat is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughters Grainne and Deirdre; sons Edward, Michael, Patrick and Dermot; daughters in law Rita, Donna and Lindie; son in law Jim Maguire; and nine grandchildren, Orla, Aine, Eoin, Kelby, Haley, Doyle, Mikey, Saoirse and Sean Patsy

Ruth Flanigan was born in July 1931 and passed on 13th December. She was predeceased by her husband Owen in 1992. In 1970 Patsy and Owen, established Flanigan Farms with the goal to promote good health of mind, body and spirit. After Owen's death, Patsy with her four daughters ran Flanigan Farms. In 1979 at age 47 Patsy graduated from Ca State University, Northridge with a degree in food science. Patsy was a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business. Patsy was a strong believer in community service. She served on several Boards, Clubs and organizations. Patsy supported the Irish Center of Southern California Inc. Patsy Ruth Flanigan is mourned by her four daughters, Cathie (Bill Kowalk) of Perth, Australia; Eileen of Highlands Ranch, Co; Monica Flanigan Heeran of Los Angeles and Teresa (Trenton) Jones of Portland, OR.

Monsignor Peter O'Sullivan was born on 4th July 1910 in Co Tipperary and passed on 19th December 2009. Msgr Peter was ordained at St Patrick's College, Thurles, Co Tipperary on 10th June 1934. A month later he left Ireland for Los Angeles and joined his brother the late Msgr Thomas O'Sullivan in serving the people in the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Msgr Thomas was the founding pastor of Visitation Church in Westchester.

Msgr Peter served as an associate pastor in several churches in the archdiocese. He was named pastor in 1954 of the year old St John Baptist de La Salle, Granada Hills. Among his many distinctions, including being named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Paul V1 in 1978, Msgr O'Sullivan was named "Granada Hills Man of the Year" by the local Chamber of Commerce in 1976.

That same year he received a certificate from the Los Angeles Police Department acknowledging his efforts in single-handedly subduing an armed robber in his rectory and holding him until police arrived.

Sister Rhona Toolan was born in Carrick-on-Shannon Co Leitrim in 1927 and passed on 15th December 2009 in Los Angeles. She was a Sister of St Louis for 63 years. Sister Rhona taught in elementary and high schools both in Ireland and California. She is mourned by the Sisters of St Louis; her sister Yvonne Flynn in Carrick-on-Shannon; her nephews Peter, Morgan, Shane and Marcus Flynn. Funeral Mass took place at St Mels in Woodland Hills on Friday 18th December.

On 9th December 2009, **Louise Thornton Malloy** passed away at her home in Culver City. Louise was born on 21st March 1910 in Co Mayo. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Emmett; her sister Marjorie Mispagel; brothers Gerald and Bob Thornton; and three grandsons. Louise is survived by her nine children--Carol Layana (Frank), Culver City; Rosemary McAnany (Jim), Simi Valley; Tom Malloy (Sharon), Villa Park; Paula Doherty (Joe), Fresno; John Malloy, Los Angeles; Sheila Malloy, Culver City; Mike Malloy (Denise), Santa Barbara; Tim Malloy (Judy), Lakeview, Oregon and Maurya Foy ((Tim) Ojai. Also survived by 26 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Irish balladeer **Liam Clancy** passed away on 4th December 2009 at Bon Secours Hospital in Cork. Liam was the youngest of eleven Clancy children. Born in Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary, Liam emigrated to this country in 1955 with ambitions to be an actor. With brothers Tom and Paddy, Liam began his singing career in Greenwich Village. These three brothers from Tipperary joined with Co Armagh's Tommy Makem and became a transatlantic phenomenon after an appearance in 1961 on the Ed Sullivan Show. At his last public appearance in May, Liam moved a Dublin audience to tears as he struggled to complete a 40 minute set and turned to reciting poetry. It was a poignant reading of Dylan Thomas' poem--"And Death Shall Have No Dominion". His manager David Teevan referring to the reading said "It was a profound moment. Liam expressed his fear of dying but did so with great dignity. He knew at that time he was in close contact with his impending death"

Liam Clancy suffered for years from incurable pulmonary fibrosis. The same disease that his brother Bobby died from in 2002.

Brother Tom Clancy died from stomach cancer in 1990 and brother Paddy died from lung cancer in 1998. Tommy Makem died from cancer in 2007. Liam Clancy is survived by his wife Kim, daughters Siobhan and Fiona, sons Eben and Donal, eight grandchildren and sisters Joan and Peg.

October

Gloria Evelyn Loftus was born 11th April 1930 in Oxnard and passed on 26th October 2009 at her home in Ventura. Gloria was raised and educated in Ventura. She loved her music, dancing, reading and gardening. Gloria was an avid golfer. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Michael J. Loftus; daughter Evelyn (Corey) Chase of Ventura; son Michael (Sharon) Loftus of Mission Viejo; son Patrick (Gloria) Loftus of Oak View. Gloria is also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren. Michael and Sharon are members of the Los Angeles Irish Set Dancers. They also played Irish music on fiddle and accordion.

September

Dennis Dunne: On 12th September 2009 while on a vacation in his beloved Ireland, Dennis Dunne suffered a ruptured aneurysm of the aorta. He did not recover from emergency surgery in Dublin. Dennis Dunne was born in Wexford on 5th December 1929. He came to California in 1952 and taught math in a number of high schools including St Monica's, Mater Dei and Northview High in Covina for close to forty years. Dennis and Mary Ellen (Galway) were married in 1982. They have four children: Aidan, Fiona, Niall and Brian. They all joined their mom and dad in Dublin when Dennis became very ill. Dennis was a devoted husband and father, a man of faith, expressed in his generosity and kindness. The funeral mass took place at St Raymond's Downey and burial followed in All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

Donal Cooke was born in Kilcooley, Co Kerry on 17th April 1921 and passed in Ventura on 1st September 2009. He came to California in 1948. Donal and Margaret (Tess) Mulryan were married in 1955. Donal retired from Southern Pacific Railroad after 35 years and he and Tess moved from North Hollywood to Ventura. Donal is mourned by his loving wife, Tess; daughters Julie (John) Cleary of Moorpark, Maureen (Russell) Watson of Westchester; sons Neil Cooke of Simi Valley and John Cooke of Seattle, Washington; grandsons Eric, Kevin, Daniel, Brendan, Jack, Ben and Joshua. Donal is also survived by sisters Bridget Keane and Eileen Fitzgerald and several nieces and nephews in Ireland.

Lewis "Bob" Bogan: On September 2nd, Robert Lewis "Bob" Bogan Sr aged 80 passed away. Bob is mourned by his children Kathy, Terry, Bonnie, Jerry, Daniel, Bob Jr, Tom, Emilie, their spouses, ten grandchildren and sister in law Angela O'Shea. Bob has now joined his wife Mary Eva Bogan who passed away on 2nd September 2006

August

On 16th August 2009 **Marie Cullen** passed away in Encinitas with her loving family around her. Marie was born in Moate, Co Westmeath on 30th August 1929. She came to this country in 1961. Marie was very active in her church. She supported the Irish Hour, the Irish Center, the Brothers of St Patrick and many other organizations. Marie was extremely active by helping and supporting the Columban Fathers with their Missionary work. Marie is survived by her sisters Rosie, Josie and Terry; brothers Frank and John and several nieces and nephews.

Audrey Riggs was born in Belfast on 15th September 1923 and passed away on 28th August 2009 at her home in Santa Monica. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, William (Bill) Riggs. Audrey is also mourned by daughters Sharyn Sugano, Lynda Deibner, and Sandy Copeland; grandchildren Christopher and Kevin Copeland, Jonathan and Elizabeth McCulloh and Adam Sugano; and one great grandchild Evan Sugano

Elias S. Garcia was diagnosed with brain cancer on 24th July 2009 and passed away eight days later on 1st August 2009. Elias was born in Claremont, California on 15th April 1928 and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico. From an early age soccer was his passion. He was a professional player at 17 years of age with the Guadalajara Aztec soccer team. In response to the U S Draft Board, Elias returned to this country in 1946. Maria, Elias' first wife and the mother of their five children died of cancer at a young age. Elias and Ethna were married in 1976. They loved to travel, soccer, music and dance. Elias and Ethna were great supporters of all the Irish activities in Southern California including Irelands Own Club, Irish Center of Southern California, Irish Radio Hour and Irish Concerts. Elias, the gentle giant, is deeply mourned by his wife, Ethna and his children and grandchildren

July

Angela Patricia Payne was born in Ringsend, Dublin on 17th March 1925 and passed away on 27th July 2009 in Burbank. Angela came to Los Angeles in 1961. Angela was well known to the Irish Community especially while assisting the Columban Fathers for several years.

Father Patrick O'Dwyer, pastor of St Maximilian Kolbe Church in Westlake Village died suddenly in the early evening 13th July 2009. Father O'Dwyer was discovered dead in his office by a couple with whom he had scheduled a meeting. Father O'Dwyer was born 21st October 1947 in Rearcross, County Tipperary. He was ordained to the priesthood 19th June 1972 and assigned to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father O'Dwyer served at St Anthony's Oxnard, St Timothy's, West Los Angeles and St Bruno's, Whittier. In July 2005 was appointed pastor of St Maximilian Kolbe. Father O'Dwyer is survived by his brother, Thomas in Tipperary and several nieces and nephews.

Rev Father Timothy Cahalane M.S.C. passed away unexpectedly on 1st July 2009 at the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Community Residence, Western Road, Cork. Father Tim served in several parishes in Los Angeles including St John Baptist de la Salle, Granada Hills and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Sun Valley. The Requiem Mass took place on 4th July 2009 at the Sacred Heart Church in Cork and burial at St Oliver's Cemetery, Cork. Father Tim is survived by his sisters Mary and Joan, brother Donal, nephews, nieces and his M.S.C Community

June

Patrick Joseph Guinan was born in Ferbane, Co Offaly on 16th March 1930 and passed away in Long Beach on 6th June 2009. Pat is survived by his wife Stella, daughter Patricia (Jack) Barrett, son Anthony Michael and granddaughter Julia Barrett. Pat and Stella McNally (from Belfast) were married in 1960. Pat's family was always No 1 in his life but the G.A.A was certainly No 2. Pat was a coach, trainer, manager, referee, president, ball boy, critic--anything and everything as long as it involved the G.A.A. Patrick Joseph Guinan will always be remembered for his humor, kindness and integrity.

John Joseph Culhane passed away in Glendale on 25th June 2009. He was a proud son of the Kingdom of Kerry where he was born in Moyvanne on 3rd May 1935. "Big" John is survived by his wife Margaret (Co Mayo), daughters Eire B. Garcia (Joe), Mairead, and Siobhan Sherman (John). Also mourned by his beloved grandchildren Emily Moore Garcia, Lindsey DeValera Garcia and Natalie Eire Garcia.

Monsignor John Folliard, aged 86, passed away in Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo on 22nd June 2009. Monsignor attended All Hollows College in Dublin before coming to California to complete his studies at St John's Seminary. He was ordained in 1950 and served in several parishes in Los Angeles. In 1972 he was appointed pastor of St Cornelius in Long Beach and served in that capacity for 24 years until his retirement.

May

Vera Margaret McColgan Myers was born in Portadown, Co Armagh on 24th April 1931. She learned to skate at the King's Hall Ice Rink in Belfast. Vera won the Irish figure skating championship three consecutive years. After performing in shows throughout England, Vera was chosen to join Ice Capades touring the U S A in the mid -1950's. It was on board the Queen Mary en-route to this country that she met her future husband, Stuart. In 1961 Stuart and Vera were married in Troy, New York. Shortly thereafter they moved to Los Angeles area. Vera taught ice skating in Burbank and Culver City. Vera became very involved in charity work. Vera and Stuart Myers were blessed with three children--Scott, Marchelle and Juanita Erin. The Myers experienced the immense grief of losing Scott and Marchelle well before their time. Vera Margaret McColgan Myers passed away peacefully at the family home in Mountaingate, Los Angeles on 4th May 2009 survived by her husband, Stuart and daughter Juanita Erin.

Sister Denis A. Cremins, a sister of St Joseph of Carondelet since September 1942 passed away on 20th May 2009. Preceded in death by her sisters, Marie, Eileen & Sister Pancratius Cremins CSJ; and her brothers Robert, Jeremiah and Dennis Cremins. Survived by several nephews and nieces including Rev Msgr Jeremiah Murphy and sister in law Kathleen Cremins Winter

April

Patrick John O'Reilly passed away on 13th April 2009. He was born in Dublin on 14th March 1934. He is survived by his wife Janie and stepchildren Brian Penderghast, Shawna Fallon, Steven Penderghast, Dean Penderghast & Maria Brief, as well as his niece Sylvia Fitzgerald. Patrick is also mourned by his brother Paul, sister in law Rosalyn and sister Eileen. Patrick has also been blessed by the love of sixteen grandchildren.

Noel Quinn was born in Cork on 13th December 1939 and passed away in Newport Beach, Ca on 24th April 2009. Noel had a successful business in Cork for over forty years. He came to California seven years ago. Noel is survived by his wife, Annie; children Derek, Heather, Jeff, Andrea, Andrew & Wendy; brothers & sister Michael &Therese Quinn, Lilian & Jerry Scanlon and Kay & the late George Quinn. Noel is also mourned by six grandchildren, Scott, Grant, Johnathan, Declan, Zachary & Austin.

Thomas Michael Keogh "Tommy" was born in Dublin on 17th June 1944 and passed on 19th April 2009 in Whittier. Tommy came here in 1966. He was an avid golfer, runner--including marathons, loved his soccer especially Manchester United. He is mourned by his wife, Bridget; daughter Lorraine; sons Billy & Mike and his adored grandchildren, Kathleen, Shannon and David.

March

Rose Mary Doherty Popp was born in Los Angeles to Annie and the late Barney Doherty on 4th May 1951. After graduating from St Bernard's High School in 1969, Rose Mary continued her education and received her B.A. from Long Beach State and her Masters Degree from U C Berkeley. On 14th February 1983 Rose Mary married Dennis Popp. After spending a couple of years in Boston they returned to Southern California where Rose Mary taught at Cabrillo School in San Pedro. On Sunday 1st March 2009 Rose Mary succumbed to cancer. Rose Mary is survived by her husband Dennis, daughters Kimberly and Stephanie, her mother, Annie and her sister Sheila.

Monsignor Christopher Kennedy was born in Tipperary. He entered St Peter's Seminary, Wexford and was ordained 18th June 1944. Monsignor "Chris" served in several parishes in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He was appointed pastor of St Barnabas, Long Beach in 1977 and retired in 1992. He remained as Pastor Emeritus until his passing on 6th March 2009. Monsignor "Chris" is survived by several nieces and nephews

Irene Quinn Fulgoni was born on 8th April 1942 in Marshalltown, Iowa and passed away in Glendale on 20th March 2009. Irene moved to Glendale in 1945 with her mom, Agnes and dad, William and sisters Mari Kathryn and Lorraine. Irene and Eddie Fulgoni were married on 7th September 1967. They were blessed with two daughters, Christine and Diana and step daughters, Theresa, Suzanne and Deanna. Irene's beloved grandchildren, Alex, William and Sophia "made her heart smile" when they sang or played Irish songs. The crowds at the funeral services were a testimony to a loving wife, a mother, a grandmother and a sister. May Irene rest in peace.

Sister Ellen Brown, one of six children, was born in Dublin in 1920. She passed away on 22nd March 2009. Sister Ellen entered the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Novitiate in Ferrybank. She came to California in 1946 where she continued her education. Sister Ellen was a beloved and highly regarded teacher or principal at different schools in Los Angeles. She will be greatly missed by her nephews and nieces in Ireland and her religious community.

Kathleen Boyle passed away in Federal Way, Washington State on 12th March 2009. Kathleen who was born in New Zealand married Donegal born John Boyle in Los Angeles in 1960. Kathleen was well known in the Irish community in the late 1950s/early 60's.

February

Mary Elizabeth Gibson was born in Dublin on 11th April 1925 and passed on 28th February 2009. "Betty" was predeceased by Michael her beloved husband in 2001. Betty is mourned by her family--Frank (Cari), Mike (Susan), Angela (Chris), Brendan, Deirdre (Kent), Sheila (Phillip), Ger (Allen), Pauline (Neil). She is also survived by her four sisters Patsy, Rita, Marie and Frances. "Nana" is sorely missed by her grandchildren Chelsea, Ryan, Chris, Eloise, Michael Sean, Patrick, Kate, Aidan, Connor, Michael, Tara, A.J., Lauren, Kaitlin, Ian and Cormac.

Michael Joseph Keady on 6th February. Michael was born in Ballina Co Mayo on 31st December 1931 and passed away in Santa Monica. Michael was raised in Dublin. He and his fiancée, Florence Foley, were married in Toronto in 1956. Came to Southern California and resided in Arcadia 1957- 1967, Pacific Palisades 1968-1982 and Santa Monica 1983-2009. Michael Keady was a tourism and travel pioneer. He founded Brendan Travel. Later he became president of Continental Express in Beverly Hills. Michael was a co-founder of the United States Tour Operators Association. He started the charter flight industry in 1964 providing affordable travel to thousands. Michael is survived by sons Kieron and Brian; daughter Maureen; grandchildren Christina, Erin, Niamh, Frances and Colm; and sister Nuala Cullen.

January

Sister Bridget Johnston was born in Co Sligo on 27th February 1925 and passed away on 21st January 2009. The oldest of eight children she is predeceased by her parents, Patrick and Mary, brother Jim and sister Una. She is survived by brothers Johnny (Kathleen), Eddie (Violet) and Brendan (Kathleen); sisters Kathleen and Margaret. Sister Bridget will also be deeply missed by her nieces and nephews and by her loving community --the Daughters of Mary and Joseph.

Veronica Theresa Lomas--"Ronnie" was born in Lakewood, New York on 12 September 1928 to Veronica and Thomas Murphy. The family moved to Los Angeles and settled in the Lakewood area. Ronnie married William F. Lomas --"Bill"--in 1965. Ronnie and Bill developed the world largest Parade Production Co and are credited with 26 years as top management of the world famous Hollywood Christmas Parade. Ronnie and Bill conceived and owned the Los Angeles Irish Fair and Music Festival o keep her Irish Heritage alive. At the Irish Fair in Pomona in 2007 the Irish Center presented a plaque to Ronnie honoring her for her commitment to the Irish community in Southern California. Ronnie passed away on January 19th, 2009. The funeral mass took place at St Pancratius in Lakewood on 24th January. Ronnie is mourned by her husband Bill, children Linell Pea, Kathy Cavaness, Richard Harriss, Penny Moore and Steven Lomas; sister Betty Ann Shively; 15 grand children; 8 great grand children and 2 great, great grand children.