

2012 OBITUARIES

December

Mary Ellen Hiscocks was born on 9th March 1921 and passed on 29th December 2012. Predeceased by her husband Dale in 1991. Mary & Dale were married on 17th March 1945, St Vibiana's Cathedral. Mary was a U.S.M.C. veteran of WW11. Survived by seven children, sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Peter Comerford passed on 6th December 2012 in Castlecomer, Kilkenny. Survived by six brothers, Fr Patrick, Chaplain, St John's Santa Monica, Aiden in Los Angeles, Johnny, Joe, Tommy, Michael; and six sisters: Kitty, Nancy, Moira, Margaret, Pauline and Geraldine. Predeceased by James—brother.

November

Austin Geraghty, aged 85, was born in Westport, Co Mayo and passed away in England on 29th November. Survived by his wife Florrie; seven children—Maureen, Sean, Kevin, Kathleen, Tony, Joan and Michael; thirteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren; two sisters, Kitty in Westport and Mary Cox in Sun Valley. Austin is the fourth Geraghty brother to pass away in last two years.

October

Belfast born **Irene Morris Glover** passed away in Seattle on 16th October 2012. Predeceased by her husband Ronald and son Maurice. Irene is survived by her son Ronald; daughters Leslie and Joanna; several grandchildren; sister Joan in Seattle; brothers Osmond in Belfast, James in Philadelphia, Adrain in Brighton, England and Peter (Bridget) in Buena Park.

Sister Rose Waldron, a member of the Daughters of Mary & Joseph order, was born on 8th March 1936 and passed on 1st November in Torrance. Sr Rose is survived by her brother Seamus; sisters Kathleen, Margaret, Breda and Carmel; and her Community. Sr Rose served at Our Lady of the Rosary, Paramount; St Augustine, Culver City; St Sebastian, Los Angeles; Precious Blood, Los Angeles; St Michael's and Morning Star in San Francisco. Sr Rose also ministered in Burundi, Africa and later in Prison Ministry in Los Angeles.

Sean Michael Branley passed away in Leitrim on 1st October 2012 having celebrated his ninety- fourth birthday on 9th September. Predeceased by his wife Letticia and daughter Una. Mr. Branley is survived by his daughters Bernadette and Bridie in Ireland and Mary Flynn in La Canada; sons Ollie, Eugene and Martin in Ireland, Sean in Fountain Valley and Cathal in Santa Rosa; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

September

Maureen McKaveney passed away at her home in Claremont on 29th September 2012 after a lengthy illness. Maureen was born in Clifden, Co Galway on 25th May 1929. In 1949, she left the shores of Galway Bay, for Pittsburgh, PA. There she met Dr James McKaveney, her "Jimmy Darling". They wed on 14th June 1952. John and Elizabeth were born in Pittsburgh. In March 1969 the McKaveney family moved to California settling in Claremont. As she did in Pittsburgh, Maureen became very involved with her church in Claremont where she was affectionately known as "Mama Maureen." She assisted with the organization of Masses, Lecturing, Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Ministry etc. Maureen's greatest devotion was for vocations for the priesthood. Maureen loved singing and Irish dancing. She and James supported Irish Culture all their lives. Mama Maureen has now rejoined Jimmy Darling, whom she missed so much. Maureen is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth and grandson Brendan in Virginia; and son John, daughter in law Kathleen and three grandchildren Sean, Caelle and Cade in San Diego. Also survived by six siblings: Bridie, Cecilia, Alice, Rita, Ann and Laurence. The services for Maureen McKaveney took place at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Claremont.

Showband singer **Larry Cunningham** passed away at the age of 74 in St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin on 28th September 2012. The Granard native had his first # 1 single "Lovely Leitrim" In the mid 1960's.

Harry Vincent McMahan was born in Los Angeles on 3rd Dec 1923 and passed away on 23rd Sept 2012. Harry is survived by his wife Verena; sons Daniel (Nancy) and James; daughters Patricia (Christopher) Ellis and Linda (Bill Wyckoff); and eight grandchildren. Preceded in death by his grandson Christopher P. Ellis on 31st December 2010. Harry was born and raised in St Agnes parish in L. A. He met Verena there. They married at St Agnes on 3rd May 1947. During World War # 2, Harry proudly served our Country in the U S Navy aboard the destroyer USS Sproston.

Timothy Ellis was born in Los Angeles and passed away in Illinois on 14th September 2012. "Tim" was the third oldest of the Ellis family. He and his family moved to Fairview Heights, Illinois some years ago. Tim is survived by his daughter Amy, his two year old grandson, Avery and his brother Christopher (in Porter Ranch).

August

The Memorial Mass for **Paul Smith** took place at St Barnabas Church, 3955 Orange Ave., Long Beach on Friday 17th August 2012. Paul is survived by his parents John and Marcella Smith in Long Beach.

Rev Patrick McPolin was born in Chicago in July, 1916 and passed away 15th August 2012 in San Pedro. "Father Pat" joined the Claretian Order in 1943 working with young people who were headed for trouble. He was a much loved fixture for decades at Rancho Dominguez Adobe. Father Pat founded a museum on the 17 acres near Carson, that the Sepulveda family donated to the Claretian Order. He also started a residence for retired priests. About twenty priests live there at the present time. "Father Pat" dead at 96.

Patricia Walsh, of Alhambra (and Claremorris) passed away on 12th August. Rosary at Pierce Bros, 1136 East Las Tunas Drive, San Gabriel at 7.00pm on Thursday. Funeral mass at 10.00am at St Therese ,510 N. El Molina, Alhambra on Friday, 17th Aug.

James P. Savage, aged 82, passed away in Alhambra on 7th August 2012. Preceded in death by his wife Rosemary (2005). James is survived by son Patrick and three daughters: Linda, Peggy and Theresa Savage (and husband Padraig Timmons). Mr Savage was awarded the "Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp" for his services in the US Army as a motor pool mechanic stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He served on active duty from March 1951 through February 1953, and in the Reserves until 1956.

July

Maeve Binchy, the Irish author of bestselling critically acclaimed novels, passed away in Dublin on 30th July 2012. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Snell, brother William and sister Joan.

Michael Brian Liddy, aged 79, passed away on 28th July 2012 in Newington, New York. Brian was born in Ireland. He was a Veteran of the U S Army. He served 25 years with the West Hartford Police Dept. Brian was a Charter member of the L A Police Emerald Society. Predeceased by his wife Anna. Survived by son Brian D. Liddy in Castaic, Ca; daughter Maureen in Newington; grandchildren Brian Michael, Megan Elizabeth, and James Patrick Liddy; brother Dermott, and sister Iris, both in Derry City.

Mary Elizabeth Lillywhite, aged 85, passed away on 23rd July 2012 in Alhambra. She taught 36 years for L A United School District. Preceded in death by her brother Bernard Harvey. " Maribeth" is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert; sons Mark and Kevin (Eileen); daughter Elaine (Harold) Basler; grandchildren Traci Garrett, Spencer, Austin and Jenna Lillywhite and great grandson Martin (A.J.) Renteria. Maribeth's father was born in Crossmaglen, Co Armagh.

Broddie Geraghty, aged 88, of Carrabaun, Westport, Co Mayo passed away on 13th July 2012. Predeceased by Nora, his wife of 59 years. Survived by 10 children, 33 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren; brother Austin in England; sisters Kitty in Westport and Mary Cox in Sun Valley CA.

Rev Monsignor John Naughton was born in Ballina, Co Mayo in 1924 and passed in Oxnard on 7th July 2012. Monsignor was ordained in 1949. He served in the U S Air Force for 29 years reaching the rank of Colonel. He served in many parishes including St Mathias, Holy Family in Orange, Holy Cross in Los Angeles. In 1985 he was appointed pastor at St Mel's, Woodland Hills where he remained until his retirement.

Timothy James O'Leary was born on 4th March 1939 and passed away on 7th July 2012. Tim worked for Verizon formally known as GTE for more than fifty years. He was a staunch Union activist. Tim volunteered many hours of his free time helping at the Brothers of St Patrick in Midway City. Timothy is survived by his son, Tim O'Leary.

Arthur A. Molloy was born in Ireland in 1929 and passed away in Los Angeles on 7th July 2012. He immigrated to Los Angeles in 1965 where he became a successful business executive and business owner. Arthur is survived by his loving partner of over 40 years, Belfor Faria and several nieces and nephews. (Source: Los Angeles Times.)

Leo Thomas Black was born in Dublin on 8th October 1918 and passed away on 4th July 2012. Services took place at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Pasadena. Leo served his apprenticeship as a chef on the Great Southern Railway in Ireland. During World War 11 he worked for the U S Navy in Scotland and during that time he promised himself that he would one day come to the United States. In 1941 he married Delia O'Connor. Leo and Delia had five children. In 1962 Leo came to Pasadena, fulfilling a promise he had made so many years prior, got a job and before long his family joined him. Leo Black is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Delia; son Ronald and grandson Shodja Kargari. Leo Black is survived by his wife Beatrice Gorman Black; daughter Dolores (Mansour) Kagari; sons John (Paula) Black, Leo (Carol) Black and David (Evelyn) Black; eleven grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Cecilia Bernadette Breen was born in London in 1939 and passed away in her own home in Derradda, Newport, Co Mayo on 2nd July 2012 surrounded by her family and friends. "Cecily" was a very active leader in her community. Cecily Breen is survived by her husband, Synie; sons Michael (Los Angeles) and Patrick; granddaughter Eleanor; daughter-in-law Rosaleen McNea

June

Brother James Ash, FSC, was born in Glendale in 1936 and passed away in Concord on 23rd June 2012. In June 1954 he entered the Novitiate. He pronounced final vows on 7th August 1961 at St Mary's College High School, Berkeley. In addition to his religious formation as a Brother of the Christian Schools, Brother James earned his B.A (1958) and M.A. (1986) from St Mary's, Moraga. He received his Ph.D (1992) from the Professional School of Psychology, San Francisco. Brother James was a teacher and/or administrator at several Christian Brothers High Schools including Napa, Concord, Sacramento and Cathedral High in L.A. Brother James Ash is survived by his sister Marguerite (Des. RIP) Burke; brother Brother Martin Ash, FSC; several nieces and nephews; and his religious community. Predeceased by his brother, Brother Warren Ash FSC.

Karen Ann McErlain Roffers was born in Montreal in July 1957 and passed in Long Beach on 19th June 2012. The Memorial Mass took place at St Cornelius Church, 5500 E Wardlow Rd, Long Beach Ca 90808 on Thursday 19th July at 1 pm. Karen is survived by her husband Gregg; daughter Brenna; son William; parents Aaron and Agnes McErlain; sisters Patricia, Shelia and Ann Marie.

Patrick "Paddy" Donnellan was born in Mountbellew, Co Galway on 13th January 1942 and passed away on 2nd June 2012 in his home town. Paddy is survived by his wife Assumpta; children Kay, Desmond, Patricia and Brian; grandchildren Mya and Ruby; sisters Mary Stout (in Huntington Beach), and Ellen; brothers Laurence, Peter, Anthony, John, Francis, Kevin and Declan; and seventeen nephews and twelve nieces.

May

Phillip Talbot was born in 1928 in Lisduff, Gortnahoe, Tipperary and passed at home on Monday 28th May 2012. He arrived in New York in 1956 and after working there for a while decided to move to Los Angeles where his cousin Fr Michael Lalor was the founding pastor of St Cyril's in Encino. Phil found the weather much more to his liking. 1959 was a wonderful year in the life of Phil Talbot. He met his future wife, Roise and joined Trans World Airways (TWA). Phil and Roise got married in 1960. Phil loved his sports especially hurling. He hurled at home and here in So Calif. He captained the local team when it won the 1960 North American Hurling Championship for the first and only time. Phillip Talbot is survived by his wife Roise; three daughters Fiona, Siobhan and Marie; and son in law John Jordan. Phil was preceded in death by his parents; brother Denis; and sisters Anastasia and Mary Bridget. "UP TIPP"

Rev Monsignor Edmond Renehan served as a priest of the archdiocese for 54 years. Monsignor was born in Johnstown, Co Kilkenny and passed away on 27th May 2012 ,at the age of 77, in Canyon Country where he was the founding pastor of St Clare. He also served at St Genevieve, Panorama City; St Anne, Santa Ana; Holy Family, Artesia; and St Louis de Montfort, Santa Maria. Monsignor Renehan was also Dean of Deanery 8.

Carl Jeffery Smith, "Jeff" lost his battle with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease on 23rd May 2012. He was born in 1953 in South Dakota, the second of six children. At 18, Carl enlisted in the U S Navy and served in Vietnam. After active duty he settled in California and remained in the National Guard and Army Reserves for a total of 34 years of service, including duty in Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 1980, Carl met and later married Maureen Cox, and became a member of our Irish Clan. They have been the proud parents of son Connor Geraghty Smith, who is a student at UC Berkeley. These three have traveled the world together. Carl and his family moved to Los Osos in 1995 and Carl was employed at California Men's Colony as a nurse. The family is so grateful to the members of Carl's and Maureen's families, his Army buddies, nursing friends and caregivers, who gave so much of their time, energy, friendship, love and care to Carl during his illness. Carl is survived by his wife and son; sisters Melinda, Juanita, Willa and Judith; brother John; and beloved mother-in-law, Mary Cox and her family.

Donald T. "Don" Howard was born in Dublin in1927 and passed away on 13th May 2012. Don is survived by his wife Kaye; daughter Elizabeth; son in law Richard; and grandsons Dane and Dallas. Services were at St Edwards Catholic Church in Dana Point.

April

James (Jim) J. Byrne passed on 27th April 2012 a few months short of his 87th birthday. Jim was a loyal Irishman, happy to meet people, especially if they spoke Gaelic. He was a staunch GAA man and played both hurling & football. He was a proud founding member of Na Fianna Hurling & Football Club in Dublin. After 40 years in the bakery business, Jim retired in 1992. He and Nuala moved to Seal Beach Leisure World in 1994. Jim was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters in Dublin —Paddy, Eamon, Marie, Esther & Rita. Jim is survived by his wife Nuala; son Niall (Sherie); daughters Mary (Kevin Welch); Eileen (Joe May); and four grandchildren Taylor & Seamus Byrne, Aidan Welch and Bridget May

John Daniel Sweeney was born on the isle of Arranmore, Co Donegal in 1928 and passed away in Sierra Madre on 27th April 2012. John immigrated to Chicago in 1957. On 11th April 1959 John married Madge (Maudy) Byrne whom he had met when Maudy was visiting her grandmother on Arranmore in 1954. John and Maudy moved from Chicago to Sierra Madre in 1986. John is survived by his wife, Maudy; sons Edward, Brian and Anthony; daughter in law Brandy; grandchildren Patrick and Cora; sisters Rose McGill in Fintown, Mary Briody in Dublin and Anne Boyle on Arranmore; and several nieces and nephews.

Monsignor Charles F. O'Gorman was born on 27th January 1925 in Corgarive, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan and passed on 23rd April 2012 at St Joseph's Center in Ojai. He was ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin on 20th June 1949 for the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Monsignor served the Our Lady of Lourdes, Tujunga, St Lucy's, Long Beach and St Bede's, La Canada before becoming a military chaplain. During his service in Vietnam, from 1967—1969, Monsignor Charlie earned a Bronze Star medal for meritorious service. In 1977 he was appointed Administrator of Santa Clara and the following year became Pastor. He retired in 1990. Monsignor O'Gorman served 63 years in the priesthood.

Patrick Hayes was born in Swinford, Co Mayo and passed away in Ventura on 28th April 2012. Before he came here he lived in Birmingham where he became well known in Irish and Catholic communities. He lived in Santa Monica and Seal Beach for many years. A few years ago Pat and Eunice moved to Ventura to be closer to Anne and family. Patrick Hayes is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eunice, and daughter Anne; also survived by grandchildren Stacey and Sean; and great, grandchildren Morgan and McKenna.

March

On 30th March 2012 **Caroline O'Shea** passed away at her home in Shadow Hills. "Sweet Caroline" was born 19th July 1914 in Los Angeles. A 62 year resident of Shadow Hills she was pre-deceased by her husband of 66 years, Jerry in 2007. Also pre-deceased by daughter Patricia Marie and brothers Jimmy, Louie, Al and Joe. She is survived by sons Michael (Sharon) of Agoura Hills; Tony (Mary) of Granada Hills; and daughter Anna Marie (Carl) Jackson of Lake View Terrace. Also survived by: grandchildren Patricia, Sean, Kevin, Kerrie, Andrew, Janette, and Angelica and great grandchildren Molly and Alanna.

January

John George Yerina was born in Kewtown, PA on 26th December 1930 and passed on 28th January 2012 in Thousand Oaks. John served our country during the Korean War. He was assigned to the Navy Air Patrol Squadron VP-28. After discharge he worked in San Jose where he met Elizabeth "Bella" O'Connor. John and Bella were married on 1st June 1963. Their three children were born when the family lived in Santa Clara. In 1972 the family moved to Thousand Oaks. John was always involved – family historian, photographer etc. Bella Yerina is the well known Irish Dance Instructor and director of the O'Connor School of Irish Dance. John is mourned by his wife Bella, children-- Patrick, Joel and Stephanie, seven grandchildren--Shane, Jake, Ryan, Michael, Brandon, Jordan and Colin; and his brother Frank.

Frank J. Ward was born in Columbus, Ohio on 14th August 1937 and passed on 16th January 2012 in San Fernando Valley. Frank was educated in Los Angeles including Loyola University and U C L A. He received his Ph.D in History and Political Science. Frank Ward served our Country for thirty years in the Army and retired as a Colonel. Frank is survived by his sister Jody W. May; brother Patrick Ward; two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Patrick John Nagle ("PJ") passed on 2nd January 2012. PJ was born 14th March 1926 in Kinihity, Liscanor, Co Clare. He was the fourth of six children. PJ joined his uncle, Mike Leydon in Chicago In April 1949. Shortly after his arrival PJ was introduced to a recent Irish immigrant, Bridget McGuane. Bridget also happened to be from west Clare. PJ and Bridget began a courtship which was interrupted by his service to our country in the Korean War. Shortly after his return to Chicago, PJ & Bridget were married. They came to Los Angeles for their honeymoon and like so many others they loved the weather and lifestyle. Even though they had "return tickets" PJ & his bride decided to stay. They had no problem getting jobs. They lived in Los Angeles, So El Monte and later in West Covina. PJ & Bridget were blessed with three sons & two daughters. PJ was employed for 34 years by Farmer John. PJ was an ordinary man who was extraordinary. PJ was preceded in death by his brother John,(Dec 2011), his sisters Biddy, Mary & Peggy. PJ is survived by his wife Bridget, "Babe"; sons Patrick (Lisa) Nagle, Kevin Nagle, Michael (Cathy) Nagle; daughters Maureen (Stan) Bradford and Kathleen (Daniel) Guiney; his loving grandchildren— Patrick, Erin, Kyle, Clare, Caitlin, Shannon, Brian, Brendan and Emily; and nephews and nieces in Ireland.