

Díche Chaimhreacháin
A Night of Remembrance

PATRICK
HARTE

1952 - 2021



*No one better as a friend, no one truer for Tyrone
I n-íothlainn Dé go gcastar sinn*

Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast
Thursday, 8 September 2022

Clair

ARRIVAL AND REFRESHMENTS

From 7.00pm

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Martin Haughey, Chair Club Tyrone

PATRICK HARTE

The Man We Knew

FEARGAL LOGAN & BRIAN DOOHER

CONCLUSION

CLOSE AND DEPARTURES

10.00pm

Throughout the evening: music and song that were dear to Patrick, provided by Karl McGuckin and guests.



*Níl sa Bhaís ach Malairt Beatha
Death is but a Change of Life*

Patrick's final stop on his final journey home from Belfast to Pomeroy on a blisteringly hot Saturday 17 July 2021, was when his coffin paused just as it left The Good Shepherd chapel. As it did, several young people whose careers Patrick had helped shape, played 'The Mountains of Pomeroy'.

It remains the classic Tyrone song of dispossession, heroism, courage, love-across-the-divide and tragedy.

But for many, the key line in that great work is "He scorned to turn and fly".

For Gaelic Tyrone, Patrick was someone who never turned nor fled from his own place, his own community, his own heritage or his own culture.

A resident in Belfast since his Queen's days in the early 1970s, Patrick held on so tightly to, and even grew, his links with, and loyalty to, Gortnagarn, Pomeroy and Tyrone.

Always relentless in his quiet, low-key but so effective support to Tyrone GAA, Patrick was a founder-member of Club Tyrone back in the mid-1990s. In the years since, he never faltered in his commitment, nor in his remarkable work in bringing so many others on board with him. Over that following quarter of a century Patrick, wonderfully aided and abetted by our 'Belfast team' of Adrian, Jackie and Roisin, was a key driver of Club Tyrone's success, so central to everything it did and achieved, but never in, let alone seeking any spotlight.

Gaelic Tyrone's growth and development, its Garvaghey centre and the County's overall sense of feel-good could not have been the same without Patrick's involvement.

In his chosen world of pharmacy Patrick was equally successful and equally generous. Whilst building a very successful business, he never forgot either his roots or his own career journey, acting as a mentor, helper and career guide for so many young people, especially from Tyrone.

As true legacy is the good you do and the good you leave behind, Patrick's legacy to us all is immeasurable.

Tonight we've come together to celebrate Patrick Harte, and to delight in his legacy. A man of decency, style, commitment and achievement in how he thought, in what he believed, in how he behaved, in what he did, and in how he did it.

It was our honour and inspiration to be with him, in anything and everything we have ever achieved: 'Le cheile ar son Thír Éoghain.'

In all of that we always were, and remain, indebted to Marian, Teresa, Michael, Sarah and Kevin for sharing this wonderful man with us. Your generosity of spirit fits so perfectly with the Patrick we were all blessed to know.

Ná caoin deor ar
m' imeacht ach cuimhnigh
orm mar a bhí mé

Do not mourn my departure
but remember me as I was