Family, friends say farewell to man who ‘gave himself to life’

By NORMA PFENNIGVILLE

The final journey of former Fianna Fail TD, County Councillor and MEP, Michael Herbert, left the church. It was dignified, undaunted, sincere and heartfelt. It was also very much what his family wished for him, a celebration of a life well-lived.

In his homily at the Requiem Mass in Castleconnell church last Friday, Mr Herbert’s nephew, Redemptorist Fr. Niall Herbert, spoke of his uncle’s journey through life, overcoming the adversity of serious injury to “live life to its fullest”.

“I gave him to life. He had a very determined attitude to living life as best he could. Be it on the hurling field or be it in his political life, he gave himself fully in a very determined and decisive way,” Fr. Herbert said.

Michael made great friendships,” he said, recalling that in 1949, when his uncle was in Richmond Hospital, Dublin, as a result of a head injury received earlier in the year on the playing field, the Tipperary team visited him there on their way to Croke Park and the All-Ireland. This was the moment that helped shape him weak and vulnerable.

“For me, he will always be a shining example of what is best in Flanns Fail,” Minister Cowen said.

Mr Herbert’s coffin, draped in the Ahane and Limerick colours, was laid to rest in the ground by his son, Brian. Among those at the funeral were Junior Minister for Children, Brian Lenihan, Deputy Peter Power, Department of Defence John O’Connor, Cllr. Eddie Wade and Cllr. Noreen Ryan. The VBC was represented by Sean Burke and the Defence Forces. The final respects were paid by Maj Gen Pat Nash, Deputy Chief of Staff.

Michael Herbert’s coffin is carried from Castleconnell Church following Requiem Mass.
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