

18 Obituaries & Deaths

Brian Leavy

Well-known shoe retailer was a true gentleman and supported many causes in his adopted Limerick

LIMERICK'S Business community lost an esteemed and highly respected member when Brian Leavy passed away recently.

Brian came to Limerick in 1950. His roots were in Dundalk and Castleblaney, Co Monaghan. Brian's parents Thomas and Elsie were both business people. As his mother Elsie was a native of Nenagh it was no surprise that Brian decided to settle in Limerick.

Seeing an opening for a

high quality shoe store in the Limerick region, he opened his first Leavy's Shoes in Patrick Street in 1950. Brian's enterprise and ambition oversaw the opening of additional shoe stores in Limerick over the following years and also expansion to Ennis in 1977.

Self-selection was a new concept in the 1960's retailing. Armed with years of experience and knowledge of the footwear business Brian travelled extensively across Europe seeking

and introducing to Limerick the latest styles and trends.

Brian was never afraid to introduce new fashions. He brought continental style, value and elegance to Limerick. Leavy's shoes went on to become a Limerick house hold name. Its status today continues under the direction of his son Thomas.

Brian married Sadie Smyth in 1954 and went on to rear six children.

A loving gentle father he was a deeply devout and religious person

and supported many local charities.

In his free time Brian loved to be among family and loved nothing more than to enjoy the splendour and tranquillity of Lough Derg in his boat "Mary Regis."

A man of simple tastes, whose strength was in his modesty, he took pleasure and delight in all his grandchildren, he was much loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

May he rest in peace.



Brian Leavy opened his first Leavy's Shoes on Patrick Street in 1950

Deaths

MURPHY, Teresa (née O Hawthorne Court, Kenne Limerick City. Survived by daughter Audrey, grand great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. Wife of the late J. Reposing in Cross' Funerary Home, Limerick. Requiem Mass Thursday at 5.30pm with a further Mass at 7pm. Requiem Mass at 11am at Cathedral on Friday at 11am afterwards in Mount St. L. Old Cemetery.

O'BRIEN, Raymond. Tree Thomondgate, Limerick City. Survived by sister Sr Zita and nieces.

O'CONNELL, Martin. Boh Ballyea South, Ballina and Tree', Caherconlish. Survived by wife Mary, sons John, Rici and Martin, daughters Carmel, Catherine and Helen, grand brother Fr John, nephews and friends. Requiem Mass at Ballina Church on Thursday at 11.30am. Burial afterwards in St. Lawrence Old Cemetery.

ROGERS, Joan (née Collin) Rosemount, Rathkeale.

GORMALLY, Sr. Gertrude. Shepherd Sisters, Pennywell. On October 13. Deeply regretted by her sisters in Community, Sr. Teresa, Presentation Sisters, Sr. Francisca, her sisters-in-law Dolores and Lily, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and friends.

MAIDEN, Nell (née English) Lansdowne Park, Ennis Rd. City. On October 13.