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## SPORT: JOE BOURKE WON FAI CUP WITH LIMERICK IN 1971



The late Joe Bourke, inset and standing second from left alongside Al Finucane ahead of Limerick United's clash with Cork Celtic in 1969

# Joe Bourke to be laid to rest this Tuesday

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**THE FUNERAL** takes place in Limerick this Tuesday of one of the city's great sporting all-rounders Joe Bourke.

Mr Bourke, late of Castletroy, was an outstanding rugby out-half who kicked St Munchin's College to their first Munster Senior Cup title in 1968.

He was the serial top

points scorer in the Munster League with Bohemians, with whom he played for distinction for around 10 years.

But it is for his contribution to Limerick soccer that Joe Bourke is probably best remembered. Defending alongside fellow greats Al Finucane and the late Joe O'Mahony, he was on Ewan Fenton's Limerick United team that beat Drogheda 3-0 in the FAI Cup Final in 1971, ending a hoodoo for Limerick's senior side that had seen them finish cup

runners-up in 1965 and 1966.

"He was a very intense player and very fast on his feet and you could see why he was a success both in soccer and in rugby," said Al Finucane.

"And like anybody who came out of the Ballynanty/Kileely area, he was well able to get stuck into when he had to. As well as that he was just a lovely guy, an outstanding fella."

Mr Bourke was also a fine golfer and a longstanding member of Castletroy Golf

Club. He worked in the insurance business with Norwich Union and later with Aviva.

Joe Bourke is survived by wife Liz, daughter Paula, sons David and Kevin, granddaughters Ella, Sofia, Isobel and Emily, relatives and friends.

Reposing at Griffin's Funeral Home this Monday evening from 5pm with removal at 7pm to Monaleen Church. The funeral takes place at 12 noon on Tuesday followed by burial in Kilmurry Cemetery.