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Outpouring of sympathy for hurling legend Tommy Quaid

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE village of Effin, in south Limerick, is preparing for its biggest ever influx this Monday evening, for the removal of remains of hurling star Tommy Quaid.

Messages of sympathy have been pouring in from all over the country to the extended Quaid family, on the death of 41-year-old Tommy, at the Cork University Hospital on Saturday.

His wife Breda, a native of Kilkenny, was at his

bedside when he passed away.

Gaels from all four provinces are expected to attend, to pay tribute to a man, who, in the words of county board secretary, James Hartigan, was a hurling legend in his own short lifetime.

Martin Kiely, well known handballer and broadcaster, with RTE, Cork, has been entrusted with responsibility for arrangements, at both the removal of remains and burial on Tuesday.

In co-operation with Gardai from south Limerick, special traffic plans have been put into place, with local farmers

having made fields available for motorists.

Mr Kiely, who was a very close friend of Tommy Quaid, has appealed to mourners for full co-operation.

Tommy had sustained head injuries, after a 20 foot fall, while engaged in construction work at the Charleville-Credit Union last Tuesday.

The Limerick intermediate hurlers, meanwhile, paid their own tribute to their trainer in winning the all-Ireland intermediate title in Thurles.

The team and mentors were informed of Tommy's death when they returned to the dressing

room with the trophy.

Visibly shocked, their immediate response was to go on bended knees and to recite a decade of the rosary.

A few minutes earlier, in his acceptance speech, captain John Cormican, had told the almost 1,000 strong Limerick fans in front of the podium, that they had won the title for Tommy Quaid.

There was a spontaneous burst of applause, respectful, in that it was the only sound to be heard in the stadium, where he had thrilled so many in his 20 years in top flight hurling.

Two of Tommy's three

sons were mascots at the game. According to county board PRO Sandra Marsh, they had not been aware of the seriousness of their father's injuries. They were taken to Cork after the game.

Removal of remains to St Mary's Church, Effin, will be at 8pm this Monday, with funeral after 12.30 Requiem Mass on Tuesday.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Breda, sons Thomas, Nickie and Jack, parents Jack and Bridie, brothers and sister.

Tommy was nephew of Det Seamus Quaid, shot dead in Wexford, in the late 1970s.



The late Tommy Quaid.

Man's ear bitten in brutal assault

By KATHRYN HAYES

A YOUNG Limerick man whose ear was