

Death of Limerick solicitor Dermot G O'Donovan

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THE death has occurred of one of Limerick's best-known legal and sporting personalities, Mr Dermot G O'Donovan.

Born on January 8, 1908, he was president of Garryowen FC in 1938 and he again held that office from 1957 to 1961, during which time the club moved to its present headquarters at Dooradoyle.

In 1940, he was elected captain of Castletroy Golf Club. He was the last surviving member of those who founded the club in 1937.

In 1967 Mr O'Donovan was president of the IRFU and from 1968 to 1976 he was president of the Limerick Bar Association.

In addition he was a founder member of St Francis's Boxing Club and with the late Donogh O'Malley he founded Blue Star Swimming Club.

The late Mr O'Donovan was renowned for his great wit.

He was one of the best known solicitors in the country.

He is survived by his wife Mary and by his sons, Derry, solicitor, and Fr Dennis, CM.

His remains will be removed this Friday from Thompson's Funeral Home at 7.30pm to Monaleen church. The funeral takes place to Kilmurry Cemetery after 12 o'clock Mass this Saturday.

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Thousands remember Dermot G O'Donovan

LIMERICK rugby fans paid their final respects at all the weekend rugby matches to the former president of Garryowen FC and of the IRFU, Dermot G O'Donovan, following his death last Thursday evening.

Mr O'Donovan, born on January 8, 1908, was one of Limerick's best known legal and sporting personalities. A well known solicitor, he was renowned as a great wit.

He was president of Garryowen in 1938 and he again held that office from 1957 to 1961, during which time the club moved to its present headquarters at Dooradoyle.

Garryowen players wore black armbands at yesterday's 24-3 defeat of local rivals Young Munster, and all flags flew at half mast at All Ireland League matches over the weekend.

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Judge Ronan Keane, sitting in the High Court in Limerick on Friday last, expressed his sympathy with Mr O'Donovan's family and members of the court observed a minutes silence, in remembrance of the former solicitor.

Mr O'Donovan was a founding member of St Francis' Boxing Club and, with the late Donogh O'Malley, he founded the Blue Star Swimming Club.

A large gathering of his former legal colleagues attended the removal last Friday from Thompson's funeral home to Monaleen Church, and hundreds of people were in attendance at the funeral to Kilmurray Cemetery on Saturday, following Requiem Mass at noon.

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