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John Murphy (1948 – 2025): A Life of Love and Legacy

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of John Patrick Murphy of Rathmines, who left this world peacefully on March 18, 2025 at St. Vincent's Hospital, cradled in the love of his devoted family. His departure marks the end of an era for all who were fortunate to know this remarkable man.

A Life Rich in Joy and Purpose

Born and raised in the heart of Dublin, John embodied the true spirit of his beloved city - warm, resilient, and full of character. For over four decades, he practiced his craft as a master carpenter, transforming ordinary wood into extraordinary pieces that will endure for generations. His workshop on Leinster Road became a neighborhood institution,

where the smell of fresh sawdust mingled with lively debates about football and the perfect way to brew tea.

John approached life with equal measures of passion and humor:

- As a lifelong Dublin GAA supporter, he never missed a championship match at Croke Park, his booming voice leading the cheers from Hill 16
 - His garden was his sanctuary, where he cultivated prize-winning roses and held court with neighbors over the garden wall
 - A natural raconteur, he could spin tales of old Dublin that made history come alive
 - His quiet acts of kindness - fixing a widow's fence or slipping a struggling apprentice some extra wages - spoke volumes about his character
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Family: His Proudest Achievement

John's 52-year marriage to his beloved Margaret was a love story for the ages. They met at a dance in 1972, where John, never the most graceful mover, won her heart with his sincerity and quick wit. Together they built a home filled with laughter, music, and the smell of Margaret's soda bread wafting from the kitchen.

As a father to Liam, Sarah, and Fiona, John was patient and proud in equal measure. He celebrated every milestone, from first steps to college graduations, with quiet tears of joy. His grandchildren Emily, Jack, and Sophie were the lights of his later years, and he delighted in teaching them carpentry tricks and the names of every rose in his garden.

John's sister Anne, sons-in-law Mark and David, and his wide circle of friends will forever cherish memories of his wisdom, his magical singing voice, and his ability to find joy in simple pleasures. His legacy lives on not just in the furniture he crafted, but in the countless lives he touched with his generous spirit.

As he often reminded us:

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything"

Funeral Arrangements

Reposing: Murphy's Funeral Home, Rathmines

Thursday, March 20 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Funeral Mass: at St. Mary's Church

Friday, March 21 | 11:00 AM

Burial: at Glasnevin Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Irish Cancer Society would honour John's memory.
May his kind and generous soul rest in eternal peace.