A PACKED church and guards of honour from three organisations were indicative of the high esteem with which the late Miko Murphy was held. His death after a short illness on April 30 was a source of great sadness to his wife Angela, his nieces, nephews and a wide circle of friends. His untimely death came as a shock to all who knew him as, up to a few weeks before, Miko was out and about and active in his bridge club having played in the first session of the President's prize.

Born in Myles Estate, Kilmaine, Miko was the middle child of a family of seven who had all predeceased him. He received his primary education in Kilmaine and after completing his secondary education in the CBS in Ballinrobe he went to work in the powerhouse there until the ESB took over in 1947.

Having worked in Galway for two years, he was transferred to Achill Island. The competence of this young man was recognised by the authorities in the ESB and he was commissioned to connect the electricity to the whole Island



THE late Miko Murphy, Kilmaine and Ballinrobe.

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Miko enjoyed all of his 42 years with the ESB, years that brough him great fulfilment both with

his co-workers and the many customers whose electricity he restored after storms etc.

A man of many talents, Miko also loved the land and after he had ceased actively farming he liked nothing better than to walk the green fields and take pleasure in the simple and familiar aspects of nature. He frequently attended the Marts and was totally at home among the "jobbers" and the

Miko met the love of his life, Angela O'Brien from Turloughmore, in 1968 and they married in 1969. They had 47 happy years together of love, laughter, no regrets, nothing left unsaid. In her grief Angela said "Miko loved life and was blessed with a long and happy one, and for that I give thanks. He is gone and I will miss him but happy memories will keep him alive forever in my heart." With thoughts such as these Angela will continue to live a full life, as Miko would want her

Miko was a keen sportsman, he especially loved his golf. He was President of the ESB Golfing Society and President and Captair of Ballinrobe Golf Club. Both he and Angela (as did many others)

gave 100 per cent of their time and talents to make the club the success it is today. Miko was known far and wide among Bridge players. Again with Angela he played in every club in the West of Ireland and beyond and brought home many trophies. His gentle manner made him a President who was loved by all and with the players he always came up "trumps".

His funeral Mass celebrated by Angela's cousin Fr Joe O'Brien, Abbeyknockmoy, Fr Conal Eustace, Ballinrobe, Fr Costello, Ballinrobe and Fr Fallon, Kilmaine. He was accompanied from the church to his final resting place by guards of honour from the ESB, Ballinrobe Bridge Club and Ballinrobe Golf Vlub.

Miko we have loved you in life, we will not forget you in death. May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the blessings of the sweet soft earth be on you, may it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.