

## **DAN McCARTHY, R.I.P.**

Dan McCarthy RIP. His fellow officers in the East Cork Athletics Division and indeed the wider athletics community are saddened to hear of the death of Dan McCarthy, Life President, who passed away after a short illness.



Residing near the village of Ballynoe, Dan's first love was hurling in which he won East Cork Junior 'A' and 'B' medals with the local St Catherine's club. With the formation of BLE in 1967 came a new athletic club in the village - also named St Catherine's - and Dan's involvement here led on to him becoming Vice-Chairman of the East Cork Athletics Board. In September of 1979, he was elected

**Dan McCarthy (far right) pictured at the East Cork Athletics Division Awards Night in February with Martin Drake, Chairman, East Cork Athletics; Kate Veale, special guest; Willie O'Mahony, Treasurer; and Tim Twomey, Secretary**

Chairman and he remained in that position until August 2009 – 31 years of service to what was one of the first divisional boards in the country. As recently as two months ago, Dan was in attendance at the annual East Cork Athletics Division Awards Night at the Midleton Park Hotel where he presented the Juvenile Athlete of the Year Shield in memory of his late wife, Kathleen.

Dan was also for many years Vice-Chairman of the Cork County Board and five years ago he was the surprised recipient of the Munster Athletics Hall of Fame, an award that was certainly richly deserved and well-earned.

A lifetime of sporting endeavour has come to an end, but Dan McCarthy's legacy will live on especially in his beloved East Cork Division in which he served so well for over four decades.

May he rest in peace.