

'It is hard to describe the loss I feel now Ciara has been so suddenly and tragically taken from us. I am heartbroken. She was so kind, loving and full of energy. She was interested in people and willing to help everyone in any way she could.

She was a very good friend to me. Everywhere we went it was clear that people loved and respected her. It will take me a long time to come to terms with her passing – so young and so caring.

Ciara was very clever and highly skilled both in her professional career as a solicitor and in her bridge career as an International player.

Ciara loved the Northern Ireland Bridge Union and as Chairperson visited clubs and reached out to club members bringing new energy to the organisation. She worked tirelessly and enthusiastically in those two years, and since, bringing new members through teaching and seminars, encouraging beginners and offering help to clubs. Above all, she believed in fairness for all and put her heart and soul into everything she did. We will miss her greatly.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those who were close to her especially her mum Ann, her brother Paul and his wife Helen and the children and John and Ruth her close friends and bridge partners. May she rest in peace.'

Anne Hassan