

MANY AT FUNERAL OF W. A. LEE, SOLR

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MR. WILLIAM A. Lee, solicitor, Ardrivale, Kilmallock, who died recently at the age of 73, was a native of Kilfinane and son of the late Dr. W. P. Lee and Mrs. Lee.

He qualified as a solicitor at Easter, 1930, and since then carried on a very successful professional business at Kilmallock and Kilfinane in the firm of Messrs. W. A. Lee and Son, which incorporates the firm of Messrs. R. Fox & Co.

He was involved in many cases of importance during a long and successful career and was very popular with a large clientele, the members of his profession and the public at large. He was also a Notary Public and a Commissioner for Oaths.

Family

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn M. Lee; his sons, Messrs. William Lee and Robert M. Lee, solicitor; his daughters, Mrs. Pauline Keogh and Mrs. Diane Donovan; his brothers, Right Rev. Mgr. P. J. Lee, Limerick; Dr. John Lee, Dublin; and Mr. Gerard A. Lee, S.C., Dublin; by his sisters, Mother Gertrude, Loretto Convent, Fermoy; and Mrs. Lilian Geoghegan, Dublin.

Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, Bishop of Limerick, presided at Concelebrated Mass at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kilmallock, the chief concelebrant being Rev. Tony Geoghegan, C.S.S.p, Kimmage, nephew of the deceased. There was a large attendance of the clergy and laity and the prayers for the deceased after Mass were recited by Dr. Newman.

The prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. Ian Condon, Sussex, another nephew of the deceased, and Very Rev. M. Canon Minihan, P.P., Kilmallock.

Court tributes

At Kilmallock District Court, Mr. Matt Mitchell, solicitor, paid high tribute to the late Mr. Lee. He said that Mr. Lee was one of the outstanding members of the legal profession in this country. He had practised in Kilmallock for 50

years and had maintained a very high standard.

His advice was sought by many members of the public and he was always courteous to his colleagues. He was an excellent advocate and had a commanding presence in court.

His passing was a loss to his clients, his colleagues and the community at large and this was attested by the large number of people who attended his funeral. Mr. Mitchell paid tribute to his work for the legal profession, his sense of community spirit and his many charitable works. He expressed sympathy to his widow, his son, Robin and other members of his family and to his brother, Mr. Gerard Lee, S.C.

Mr. Finbarr McCarthy, solicitor; Mr. J. J. Power, solicitor; Inspector P. McSweeney of the Garda Siochana; Mr. G. Cunningham of the district court staff, and Mr. Sean Moriarty, probation officer, also paid tribute to him and extended sympathy to his relatives.

Justice M. C. Maguire said that it was with great sadness that he had heard of the death of Mr. William Lee. He was a very eminent member of the legal profession and was held in high esteem by his colleagues and the public. He was a man of great charm, and kindness and profoundly respected by the community.

Welcome

When he first met Mr. Lee it was at Bruff District Court when, as senior solicitor, Mr. Lee extended to him a very warm welcome. He referred on that occasion to his (Justice's) late father, whom he knew when at the bar and as a Judge.

Mr. Lee's message of welcome on that occasion gave him (Justice) great encouragement. In the years since then, he had never heard from Mr. Lee any cross word to any witness, to any member of the Guards or to members of the public. He acted with dignity and courtesy on all occasions. He (Justice) mourned his passing. He extended to his wife, his sons, his daughters and other relatives his deepest sympathy.

Mr. R. M. Lee, solicitor, suitably replied on behalf of himself, his mother, his brother, his sisters, his uncles and aunts. ©Irish Newspaper Archives

LEE (Adrivale Kilmallock, Co. Limerick)—December 29, 1980, at St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, William A; deeply regretted by his loving wife Evelyn, sons, daughters, brother, sisters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Requiem Mass in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kilmallock today (Wednesday) at 12.30 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Balingaddy Cemetery