

Ann Mills

7th July 1935 – 29th June 2026

Member of Roehampton Club 1988 - 2026



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Ann Mills, who was a Member of Roehampton Club for over 38 years.

Ann was born in London but grew up in Ireland. She moved to England in the 1950s and married an army officer, spending the first years of her married life in Germany and Hong Kong. They had four children. When the youngest was diagnosed with autism in the mid 1960s, they said goodbye to the army and moved to Hampshire.

When her husband died suddenly aged 52, Ann left Hampshire for Putney to be nearer her other children. She soon joined the Club, playing tennis there several times a week well into her 80s, until failing sight in one eye forced her to stop as she could no longer judge where the ball was. She then took up croquet with equal gusto, a game she'd played socially in Hampshire so she was quite put out to be given a handicap of 14!

She was a core member of an enthusiastic group of lady tennis players at the Club and over the years enjoyed many outings with them all - including weekends away in country hotels where she entered gamely into various fun adventures. Many wonderful memories were formed during those years. She was also an excellent and intuitive bridge player - always kind and supportive to whoever was her partner.

The Club was a very important part of her life. It gave her a wide circle of friends, it provided a safe environment for her to take her autistic son swimming, it even employed one of her grand daughters in the cafe.

Her last visit was on the occasion of her 90th birthday last summer when her Club friends hosted a celebratory lunch for her. She will be much missed by all of them.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.