

# **Kieran Rose tribute at Donal Sheehan's funeral**

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Dónal had a diverse, creative and productive life.

He touched the lives of many different people in Cork, Dublin and London.

He was loved by many people.

He was cared for by many people.

Although Dónal would rarely, if ever, say “I love you” or “I care for you” he undoubtedly did.

Dónal expressed his care in practical ways.

Preparing meals with care and hard work were his ways of nourishing his friends

Dónal was one of the most learned, erudite people I know – he had a series of real enthusiasms – he could make himself an expert on Andy Warhol & Lou Reed and then immerse himself in Church Architecture.

He was a hard worker, and he was brave in more difficult times.

He contributed much to the development of a more tolerant and open Ireland we have today through his involvement in the gay movement and the Quay Coop and other areas of social progress such as his Trade Union IDATU.

His skills and talents were wide ranging – he was a good writer, he worked in publishing with my sister Catherine in Arlen House, and he was Director of the Cork Film Festival.

Dónal was gentle, patrician, vulnerable, a great talker (perhaps too great at times) amused and amusing.

He had his demons.

He was human like the rest of us with all the faults and frailties that implies.

Dónal gave a lot to life, to his friends and partners and his family.

Dónal had much more to give.

Dónal we will miss you.