IRISH ICON Tragic Cranberries star Dolores O'Riordan praised for 'voice worth its weight in gold' at her funeral as heartbroken bandmates and family say goodbye

Dolores' voice filled Saint Aidke's church as her sister Bridyfrockes where she sang as a girl as a recording of her duet of Ave Maria with Pavarotti opened the service

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THE voice of Dolores O'Riordan filled the hometown church where she sang as a girl as hundreds gathered for the funeral of Cranberries singer.

Dolores was laid to rest in her native Ballybrickes, County Limerick, as family, friends and fans paid their respects to the 46-year-old.

PICTURE: Brian Lawless - pa.ie/ie

Dolores coffin was carried from the church to be laid to rest next to her father

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Hundreds turned out to pay their respects to the Cranberries star

Mrs O'Riordan died suddenly at a hotel in Central London last week, aged 46.

The service was held at Saint Aidke's church, where she once sang in the choir.

Her voice echoed through the church once again as a duet of Ave Maria sung by O'Riordan and Luciano Pavarotti matched the start of the service.

Her boyfriend and fellow Drifter band member Ole Koretsky was among mourners at the service.

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The singer became a national treasure during her 30-year career

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Dolores' mum Eileen was comforted outside the church

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Eileen O'Riordan leaves her daughter Dolores O'Riordan's hometo with Dermot Joe Rochford (left) and one of Dolo Dougherty's

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Bagpipes were paid before and after the service

Her ex-husband Don Burton and the couple's three children - Taylor, Molly and Dakota - were joined by her brother Mark, her sisters Kathleen and Siobhan Terence Brendan, Donal, Joseph and PJ in the small parish church.

She will be buried beside her late father, Terence, in a private family ceremony in nearby Carrowlin cemetery following a funeral Mass.

Canon Liam McNamara said: "Her kind personality and beautiful singing voice earned her a place in the hearts of her family and friends and people around the world, accurately share the influence for good she has been over the years."

As a further mark of respect Irish radio stations simultaneously played the band's 1994 hit, When You're Gone, after the midday news today.

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Ex husband Don Burton, his son Dorsey and their children Dakota and Molly outside the church

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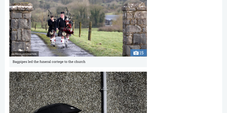
Eileen was comforted by friends and family



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Bagpipes led the funeral cortege to the church

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Dolores' boyfriend Ole Koretsky outside the church

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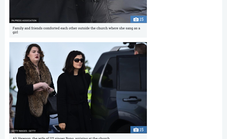
Family and friends comforted each other outside the church where she sang as a girl



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Ali Hetherson, her wife of 12, singer Burns, arriving at the church

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Candles lined the streets of her home town as her coffin was led to the church last night.

The singer and mother-of-three enjoyed huge success with the Cranberries in the mid-90s with hits such as Zombie and Linger.

Earlier this year her death at London's Kensington Cromwell Court has been adjourned until 2 April while the coroner awaits test results. Scotland Yard says it is not treating her death as suspicious.

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I heard the song linger sorry she has passed so young, much sympathy to family and friends, most of all her children her daughter dakota is the spit image of dolores RIP
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She helped me through some really tough times with her singing. I wish I could have heard her live. I'm so sad that she passed away so young. I'm sending my condolences to her family and wishes of the city of her ancestors for the most beautiful. I clearly hope she is at peace. My heart aches for her family and friends.
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