

It is with deep regret Moynalvey GFC bring you the sad news of the death of one of our clubmen & former players Ciaran Collins. Ciaran passed away Tuesday afternoon November 21st having battled illness over a short period of time.

Fondly known as Bull to his team mates, Ciaran lined out from under age to adult level in the maroon and white of Moynalvey. Ciaran played a vital part in some of Moynalvey's biggest successes in recent years, namely the Meath & Leinster Junior Championship successes of 2008 and the Meath Intermediate Championship win of 2011.

Recent years saw Ciaran's playing days wind down due to persistent injuries, but when Moynalvey were in need Ciaran was always there to help out, just last year Ciaran came out of retirement to line out for a B League fixture when his club were short numbers. The past few years also saw Ciaran become one of the club's sponsors.

Ciaran hails from a proud GAA family, with brother Shane also a former Moynalvey footballer, father John sponsor of the Meath Junior 'C' Football Championship and Uncle Peter a member of the Meath CCCC & Moynalvey GFC county board delegate.

A keen sports fan, one of Ciaran's greatest sporting loves away from GAA was horse racing. Last March his dream of a Cheltenham Festival winner almost came through when 'Jury Duty' owned by The Sideways Syndicate of which Ciaran was part of finished 3rd at the festival. Just two days prior to Ciaran's passing Jury Duty would have brought one last smile to Ciaran as one of his life long friends Robbie Power rode Jury Duty to win at Punchestown.

A Gael, friend and team mate taken too soon, RIP ár gcara. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

We offer our sympathies to Ciaran's wife Orla, parents John & Rosaleen, brother Shane, uncle Peter, extended family & large circle of friends at this sad time.