



Parteen National School

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### **Kathleen O'Brien (Former teacher of Parteen NS)**

Kathleen passed away peacefully on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in her home in the company of her loving family after a long life well lived. She was 91 years of age.

Born in Listowel, Co Kerry, Kathleen began her teaching career as a young enthusiastic Miss Harnett. Most of her teaching life was spent in Parteen NS, Co. Clare which was then a small rural two teacher school located in the heart of the village. Here, she encouraged, inspired and motivated the young boys and girls to read, write and learn to the best of their ability. She shared her love of learning on a daily basis with the children and contributed to the growth and development of Parteen NS. In 1977 a new and larger building was constructed to cater for the growing school population, Kathleen oversaw this transition from the village to its current location beside the church.

Kathleen retired from teaching in 1988 after a long and dedicated service to educating the community of Parteen, Co. Clare. Kathleen was a woman of strong faith where everyday she lived out the Christian values of faith, hope and love. She is now at peace in her eternal home.

### **Reflection: The Seasons of our Lives**

Creator God, in the springtime of our lives, you give us the enthusiasm and daring of youth.

In the summer of our lives, you encourage us to reach our full potential.

In the autumn of our lives, you walk beside us as we reflect on years gone by.

In the winter of our lives, you enfold us in your love which will never let us go.

When the seasons of our lives are past, you clothe us with resurrection bodies which will live forever.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas dá hanam dílis.

