

Ted Keenan Acknowledged in the 'Hall of Fame'



Ted Keenan standing outside Fort Lauderdale in Florida, 1990.

Ted Keenan was awarded the most prestigious award and recognition of his triple channel achievements in 1984. He was honoured in the World Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame at Fort Lauderdale in Florida, selected by an international Selection Board. Ted was overwhelmed by the international award. He had attained a great status and appreciation amongst the greatest marathon swimmers in the world!

**'Enniskillen "water babe" Ted Keenan has entered the "Hall of Fame" That much sought after award that people in all walks of life dream about. And there is no man more deserved of the accolade. It's the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame that Ted has been given the key for his record "plunges" across the coasts of the British Isles'.
(The Irish News, 23 April 1986)**

Ted initially started swimming in Lough Erne, often enjoying a dip at Weir's Bridge; he came a long way to ultimately achieving the equivalent of winning an Olympic gold medal!

**'My name is being placed on a marble plinth in the Texan Hall of Fame along with famous swimming names like Captain Matthew Webb, Kevin Murphy and Commander Gerald Fosburg. It's the highest recognition I will ever achieve. I'm overwhelmed with this honour'.
(Ted Keenan, Belfast Telegraph, 27 July 1986)**

Ted was the first Irishman to be presented with this honour; an achievement which he and his family were immensely proud of. He got the opportunity to visit Fort Lauderdale in 1990 with his daughter Chanele, it was an unforgettable and enjoyable experience for both. This recognition was undoubtedly an appropriate testimonial to Ted's great achievements in the swimming world. Today, Ted's legacy is highlighted at Fort Lauderdale, as Ted once said:

**'It is a world recognised achievement and my name will be permanently enshrined there, which is a nice legacy to give my children and grandchildren'.
(Ted Keenan, Enniskillen in the Rare Ould Times, The Millennium Babes)**



Ted Keenan and Mary Wayte in the World Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.
Mary Wayte is an American former competition swimmer, two-time Olympic gold medalist and a television sports commentator.



Dr. Samuel James Freas, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Swimming Hall of Fame, Florida and Ted Keenan, 1990.