

Leitrim Personality of
 the Year
 1988
MARIE LEE

Marie Lee, Leitrim Guardian Personality of the Year 1988 is special.

She is special to her family — a devoted wife to her husband Jackie; a caring mother for her family of eleven children — Patricia, Antoinette, Ciaran, Jacinta, Fiona, Conor, Vincent, Adrian, David, Emmett and Naomi.

Marie Lee has been special to the pupils she has taught in Kilnagross, Aghacashel, Keshcarrigan, and in her present school Drumcong.

Apart from her home and her career, Marie Lee takes time to be special to many others — to numerous organisations in her parish, Kiltubrid and in particular to the youth of the area, all of whom hold her in the highest regard.

It can't be easy to be as dedicated as Marie Lee is. Hers is a familiar face at Athletic meetings throughout the county and far beyond — encouraging the young people of Kiltubrid and Leitrim as they strive for that elusive medal or simply to finish the race. You will see her helping youngsters to "tog out", hold their coats, shoes, personal belongings — becoming a motherly figure to them all.

Athletics to-day, football tomorrow. Lee's minibus is a travelling dressing room, arriving at venues throughout the county where the Drumcong School Team or Kiltubrid Juvenile Teams are in action. Marie Lee is many things to many children.



In an age when it would be easier to stay on the ditch Marie Lee has come off the ditch, on to the race-track or playing field — she has become involved, not for lack of something to do (surely her life would be busy enough without this involvement) but because she is a special type of person.

In the first edition of The Leitrim Guardian magazine Michael Fox wrote "Leaders are needed and everyone who can provide leadership must be prevailed upon to do so".

Marie Lee is a leader. But she did not have to be "prevailed upon" to lead. She is a leader of her own volition.

Marie Lee is a special person.



Front (l. to r.): David, Fiona with Naomi on her knees, Patricia, Emmet, Antoinette and Adrian. Back (l. to r.): Vincent, Jackie, Marie, Conor, Jacinta and Ciaran at back. (Grandson Paul in front).