



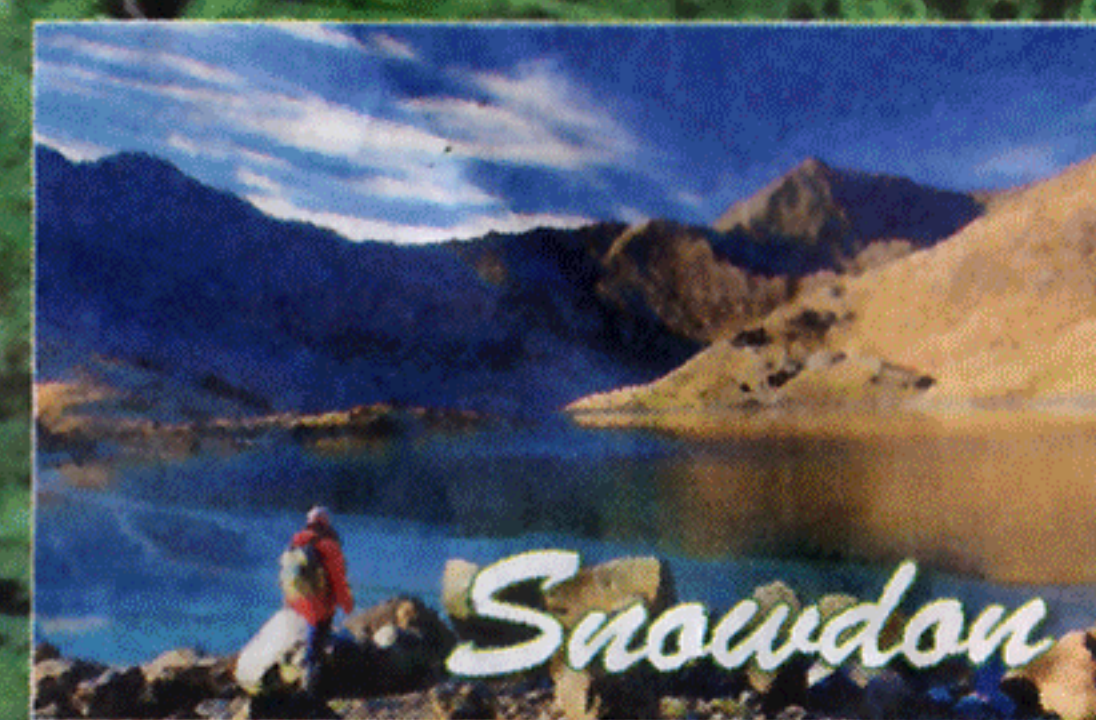
# LUNG OP MAN'S FEARLESS TRIBUTE



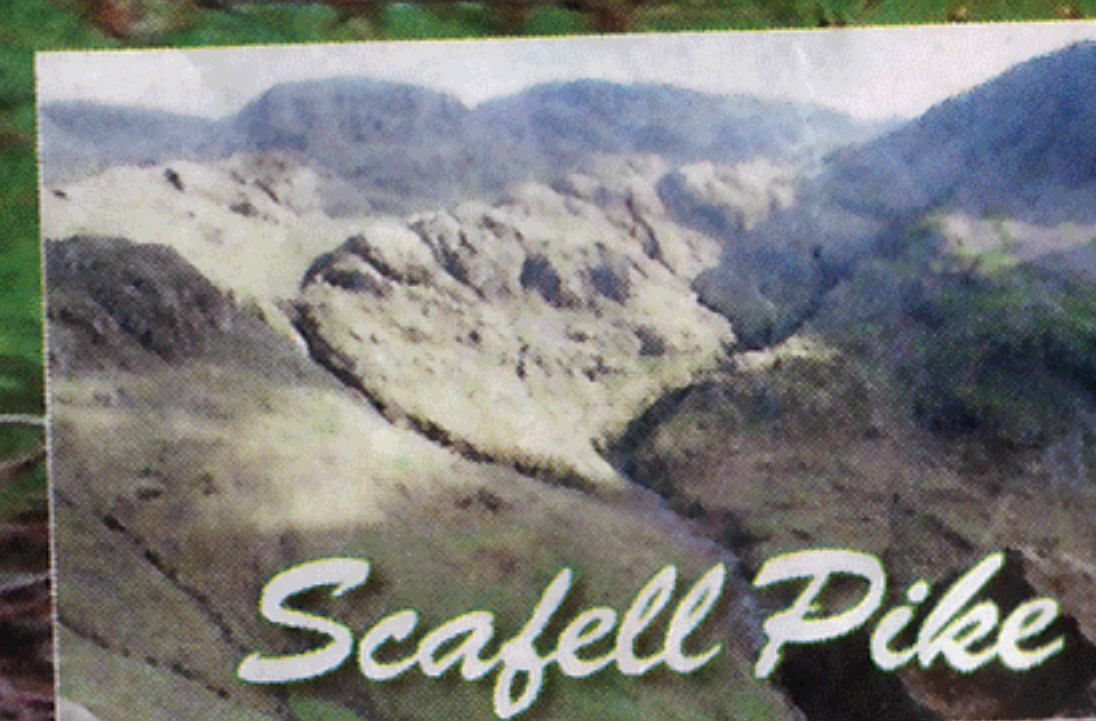
*Carrauntoohil*



*Ben Nevis*



*Snowdon*



*Scafell Pike*

By HELEN MORROGH

**BRAVE** Gerry Walker will climb Ireland and the UK's highest peaks in memory of the mystery lung donor whose death gave him life.

Cystic fibrosis sufferer Gerry – who couldn't walk 100 metres without getting breathless before the transplant – believes he has to now "give something back".

The Dubliner will scale Kerry's Carrauntoohil, Snowdon in Wales, Scotland's Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike in England to honour the donor he knows only as 'Martin' and raise cash for other sufferers.

The 47-year-old reveals: "I owe others to give something back – a year ago I didn't think I'd be able to do this."

## Oxygen

"I was using oxygen 16 hours a day... I couldn't walk from the car to my office desk."

"If I hadn't had a transplant I really don't know how last winter would have gone."

Gerry got the call for his op on the 19th anniversary of his wedding to wife Margaret.

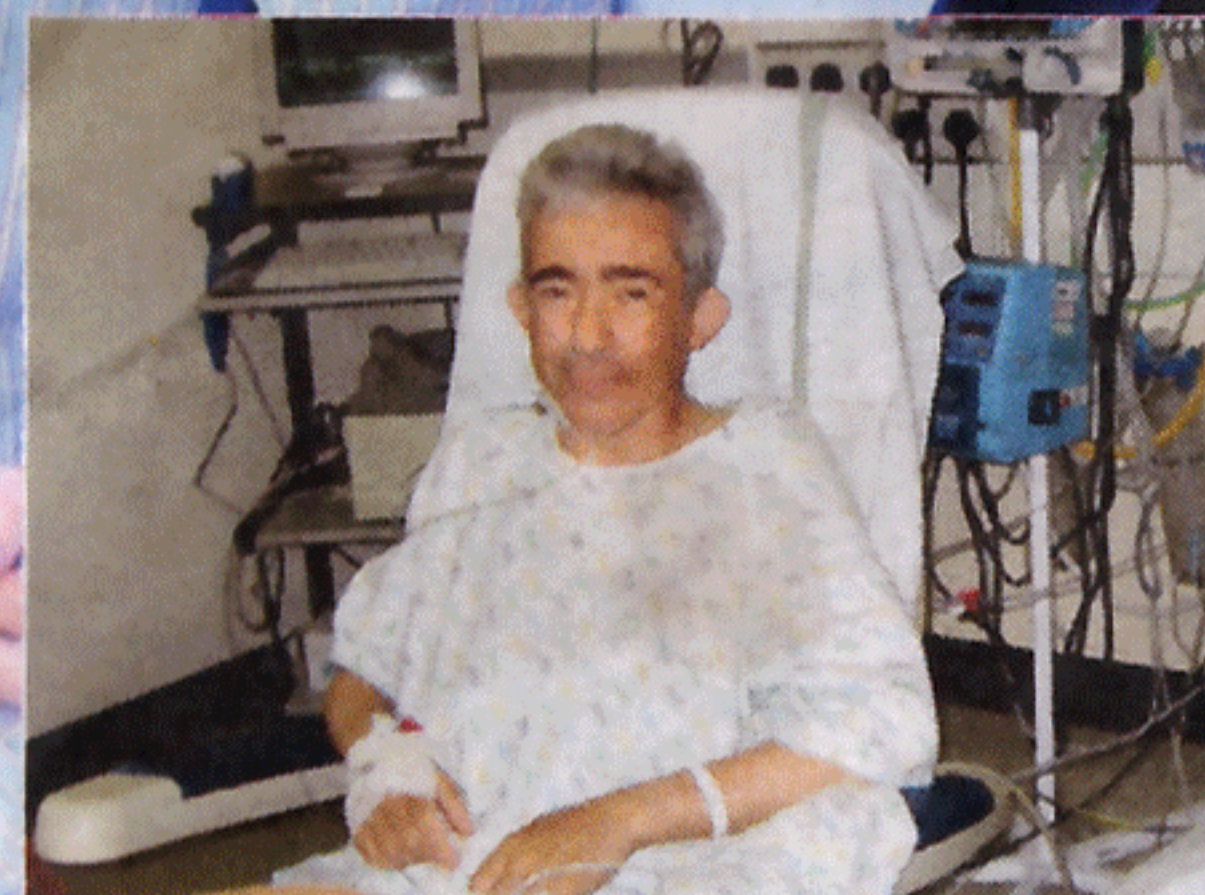
He says: "I can handle the fact that someone died and allowed me to live."

"The only thing I would find difficult would be if I knew he died a violent death."

"It's strange – you know you owe that person."

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● TO sponsor Gerry log on to [4peaks4life.ie](http://4peaks4life.ie) or call 01 4947603. The money will go to CF Ireland and the Freeman Cardio Centre.



**COURAGE . . .** Gerry days after the op and, main picture, with Margaret

# I'll scale 4 peaks for donor saviour