

Eamon Larkin 1949 - 2011

Eamon Larkin passed away on 14th February 2011 after an illness which was borne with the characteristic courage and good humour always associated with him.

Born in Dublin on 24th July 1949, he spent his early years in Clontarf before his family moved to Mullingar and later to Ballinasloe where his early schooldays were spent. In the early 1960's the family returned to Glenageary, Co. Dublin and Eamon continued his schooling with the Presentation Brothers in Glasthule. While his early sporting interests were in hurling and football, he then turned to rugby, playing on the school team and was also honoured by being picked for Leinster. He entered UCD in 1966 and graduated with an honours degree in Forestry.



Eamon's working life began in the Forest Service and he spent three years in the Research Section before moving to Limerick where he worked as Assistant District Inspector and then District Inspector. After four years he moved to become Utilisation Inspector for a further four years. Eamon then took a significant step, moving from the relative security of the Forest Service, to Finsa as Forest Manager. After a number of years with Finsa, Eamon then moved to the Wood Technology Centre in the University of Limerick where he managed research projects and training programmes.

In 1996 Eamon undertook another career change, setting up his own consultancy practice, specialising in Private Forestry Investment and the Wood Processing Sector. He continued there until 2004 when he moved into the property business area with Larkin O'Mahony Auctioneers where he worked with his childhood sweetheart and wife Mary.

In keeping with Eamon's adaptable attitude demonstrated by his career moves, he also had a wide range of hobbies and interests. He was very heavily involved in Limerick Lawn Tennis Club, serving on many committees. His Thursday night doubles were legendary; always ending with some convivial drinks, banter and Eamon's well known and loved sense of humour. He was also very committed to winter sports and enjoyed skiing holidays for many years. More recently Eamon became very interested in Complementary Therapies, immersing himself with typical enthusiasm.

Eamon was always great company with his apparently serious demeanour changing to a broad room-lighting smile as he made some gentle ribbing remark. He had a lifelong interest in DIY and gardening, always with a project in hand, either indoors or outside. We will all miss you, Eamon.

To his wife Mary, his mother, his brothers and sister and to all his extended family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Dermot O'Brien