
Obituaries

Adrian Carroll 1983-2013

The death of Adrian Carroll on 23rd April 2013, less than two weeks before his 30th birthday, caused great shock and sadness in the forestry community. Adrian had borne his illness with remarkable fortitude during the previous twelve months.

He was born on 3rd May 1983 at Ballinaboul, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork, to John Carroll and Mairéad (nee Stack). He received his early education at Churchtown National School and later progressed to The Nagle Rice Secondary School at Doneraile, Co. Cork.



From an early age, Adrian was steeped in forestry as both his father and his brother, John Jnr., were involved in the forest industry. Thus he began his forestry course at Waterford Institute of Technology already armed with a keenly developed interest in and a deep practical knowledge of forestry. He enthusiastically engaged with the academic programme, yet never lost his practical focus. His questions in class were invariably prompted by an observation he had earlier made in the forest, as he sought to reconcile forestry theory with his personal experience. On an early forest fencing field day, while his classmates came with packed raingear and lunches, Adrian arrived on site with a maul over his shoulder, all set for a day of driving posts. Adrian graduated with a BSc in Forestry in 2006. In 2007, he was awarded the Augustine Henry Medal by the Society of Irish Foresters. This medal is presented each year to the forestry students who secure the highest marks in their final examinations.

In 2010, he began working with Deel Forestry in Rathkeale, Co Limerick where he remained until the onset of his illness. Adrian was an enthusiastic forester and was keenly interested in all aspects of the subject. He was a dedicated member of the Association of Irish Forestry Consultants (AFIC).

When I first met Adrian he was working with his father and brother in their forestry business. During that initial meeting he displayed a great knowledge of forestry together with a keen eye for detail and pride in his work. When asked if he liked working in forestry his reply was “I look forward to going to work every day”. Not many people can say that!! Irish forestry needs good people like Adrian and his passing is a great loss to our profession. Outside of work, Adrian was a dedicated

badminton player in his native Churchtown and also a car enthusiast. He was the administrator of Honda-Haven website.

To his parents John and Mairéad, his sisters Celina and Louise, his brother John Jnr. and his girlfriend, Laura Burns, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Go ndéanfaidh Dia trócaire air.

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