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# Obituary

## JAMES O'BRIEN (1943—1976)

James O'Brien, Kilree, Bennetsbridge, Co. Kilkenny, was killed tragically in a motoring accident on the Athy-Castlecomer road on December 24th last. Jimmy, as he was popularly known to his family and friends, was born in Kilkenny City in 1943. He was the second eldest of a family of nine. He attended Sheestown National School and St. Kiernans College, Kilkenny. He later went to University Colleges Galway and Dublin where he obtained his B.Agr.Sc. (Forestry) degree. He joined the Department of Fisheries, Forest & Wildlife Service in January 1975 and served with Inventory Section, Research Branch up to the time of his death.

Like most of his countymen he had a keen interest in the game of hurling. During his school days at St. Kiernan's, he won junior and senior All Ireland Colleges medals as a corner back.

His colleagues and friends will always remember him for his sincerity and charitableness. At his burial Service the celebrant very aptly described him "as a person who went through life with a smile". His lightheartedness was always obvious.

On behalf of the Society of Irish Foresters and on my own behalf, I offer sincere sympathy to his family.

**Thomas J. Purcell**