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# Obituary

## WILLIAM PHELAN (1951-1977)

Bill died tragically following an accident in December last. A native of Windgap, County Kilkenny he graduated from University College Dublin in 1974 with the degree of B.Agr.Sc. (Forestry). He joined the Forest and Wildlife Service early in 1975. In his short, though already quite full career he worked in Forest Management for a time, in both Donegal and Wicklow, before joining Inventory Section, Research Branch.

He was, in his heart, a forester with a distinct leaning towards mechanical engineering. Those who knew him well will remember that his imagination was forever fired by the prospects of increased mechanisation in Forest Utilisation and, in fact, in all aspects of Forestry and Agriculture in general. During his last year, being based in Wicklow meant being able to travel home most weekends to lend a hand and work on all things mechanical.

To his friends, as with everyone, his manner was consistently jovial and generous — and this, I feel, captures the essence of a man who is sorely missed by all who crossed his path.

On behalf of the Society of Irish Foresters I extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Declan Ward

## FIONAN MORIARTY

We regret to note the death of Fionan J. Moriarty which occurred while this issue was in press. We hope to print an obituary notice in our next issue.