

## Pat Carroll

### 1957-2002



The recent death of Pat Carroll, Dundrum, Co Tipperary, after a brave battle against illness was a shock to us all, especially when the good Lord called him ashore at such an early age.

I first met Pat in 1978 when four Tipperary men, three Cork men and a Kerryman were taken on to train as foresters by the Forest and Wildlife Service of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. With Pat's late father also a forester and his own involvement in forestry work, we looked up to him as a leader. Pat was always full of energy and ideas; he had an opinion on everything and would debate issues to the last, whether he turned out to be right or wrong. But once a decision was taken Pat would row in with the majority and give it his all.

His interest in forestry was total no matter what area he was in - be it nursery production, forest management or training and safety. His last post was as Coillte internal auditor for Forest Stewardship Council certification.

Throughout his career Pat was a loyal member of the Society of Irish Foresters. He served as Technical Councillor for a period from

A few years ago Pat took up golf at his local club. Within a few weeks he could compete with the best of them. His golfing comrades would tell you about many a shot that had been debated with Pat.

The great memory of Pat was of his helpfulness. Any favour or help one asked for was no problem to him. If Pat had to do a job for you, you knew it would be done without asking a second time. During our early days in forestry college we had only two means of transport, Pat's mini and a motorbike. Often times Pat made two or three journeys to get us to our destination and back.

Pat was extremely positive in everything he did. The way he bore his illness over the last year was a testament to that, as he tried everything to make himself well again. His courage was evident to all as he was still entertaining people up to his last days.

His popularity was shown by the many who attended his funeral, and by the guard of honour provided by his forestry and golfing comrades.

Pat was also a great family man; to his wife Mary Alice, daughter Marian, son Sean, mother Joan and brothers Noel and John we extend our sincere sympathy.

Thanks for the memories Pat

*John Moore*