Andrew Beacom

SEFF remembers Andrew (Drew) Beacom who was murdered 25 years ago today on 12th December 1993. Drew was 46-year-old, married with 1 child and was a serving RUC police officer.

Drew from Main street, Fivemiletown along with his colleague Ernest Smith were murdered by PIRA terrorists after their car pulled up to the junction of Main Street and Coneen Street when at least 2 gunmen fired with automatic weapons at both sides of the car hitting it with more than 20 shots. Both policemen were based at Clogher RUC station.

Chief Constable Sir Hugh Annesley condemned the murders and said: "this senseless act of barbarity, carried out in such a cowardly fashion by faceless criminals, is in sharp contrast to the dedicated and caring attitude exemplified by these 2 officers in protecting and serving their local community".

Canon Robert Riddle spoke at Const. Beacom's funeral and said he was "an honest, friendly, if shy, gentle giant of a man". Const. Beacom was in the RUC for almost 24 years and was a member of the Cooneen Orange Lodge.

Drew was born in 1947; he joined the RUC in 1970 and served up until he was murdered in 1993. Drew was married to Jean and together they had one son, Andrew who was aged 9 at the time of his Father’s murder.

Drew had served on the RUC for almost 24 years, his service included stations in Belfast, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

Drew’s main interests were farming and playing darts but he was also a member of the Tug of War Team as well as Cooneen LOL 1010.

Drew is remembered on SEFF’s latest Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents and fittingly his patch is placed alongside his colleague and friend in life, Ernest Smith.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Beacom family today and every day.

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