Edward (Ted Armstrong)

R/Con Edward (Ted) Armstrong was murdered 31 years ago today as a result of the Enniskillen Poppy Day Massacre committed by PIRA terrorists on 8th November 1987. He was aged just 52 years.

(Ted) was born on 1 June 1935. He spent his formative years living near Colebrook and attended Littlemount School until the age of 15. He joined the RUC in 1955.  Owing to injuries sustained as a result of a serious motor bike accident he had to put his police career on hold.

He married his wife Kathleen (McIlfatrick) in 7 October 1958. Ted joined the UDR in the early 1970's. A few years later he re-joined the RUC Reserve, where he was personal protection and driver for Harry West, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. He continued with this until 1982 (when Harry was defeated in his Fermanagh South Tyrone seat).

Ted was transferred to Enniskillen Police station and training centre until 1986 when he was injured at a VCP and was off until his untimely murder on 8th November 1987 while attending the Remembrance Day Sunday service in Enniskillen.

Ted was a family man who was devoted to his wife, Kathleen and son, Clive. He was a man with a live and let live attitude, generous of spirit & his time, a fantastic sense of humour. He was a devoted Christian.

Fishing, shooting, listening to music and cooking featured amongst his hobbies.

Ted is remembered on SEFF’s latest Memorial Quilt, ‘A Patchwork of Innocents.’ The images used are; a Bible, fishing rod and the RUC crest.

Ted lived his life for God and for his family and wider community, his life had worth and he lived it well.

SEFF remembers the Armstrong family today and every day.