Jillian Johnston 18th March 1988

SEFF remembers Jillian Johnston who was murdered on the family farm between Belleek and Kesh 32 years ago (on 18th March 1988). Jillian was 21 years old when PIRA terrorists cruelly took away her life.

Her Mother Annie painfully recalls, "I was on my own at the time - my husband had gone out to visit neighbours - and I heard awful automatic gunfire. I was terrified. I rang my sister in law who lived not far from us and she came up. Just as she came up I heard Jillian’s fiancé calling out - lamenting. I ran out and the minute I saw her I knew Jillian was dead. I lifted up her head and it fell down again. I will never forget that night".

The post mortem revealed that there were 27 bullets in Jillian's body. The attack on a defenceless female was amongst the most wicked crimes perpetrated by PIRA over the terrorist campaign.

Jillian was the second youngest of a family of six. She was engaged to be married, but instead she was buried in Muckross Church Graveyard before her life had truly begun. Jillian had a strong faith and is remembered with love by her family.

SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with Jillian's family and friends, today and every day.