Norman Prue - 6th May 1979

SEFF remembers Const Norman Prue (RUC Special Branch) who was murdered 41 years ago today (6th May 1979) alongside Sergeant Robert Maughan (3rd Brigade, 9/12 Lancers) Norman was aged 29 years at the point of being murdered.

The two men were murdered outside Holy Cross Chapel, Lisnaskea when attempting to secure a copy of the Provisional Republican Movement newspaper - An Phoblacht which was sold outside the chapel on a regular basis. They stood little chance in what was an ambush attack.

Norman was the son of Susan and Stanley Prue, and he had four siblings: David, Mary, Richard and Susan.

He was married to Linda and had three children, Shelley, Ivan and Colin (died 14th July 1977). He was a family man, a devoted husband and father.

When Norman joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary initially in October 1969 he was stationed in Oldpark Police Station, Belfast. He was wounded in an ambush in November 1971 by PIRA terrorists in which an innocent civilian was murdered.

Because of this incident Norman resigned from the RUC in January 1972. However, he pushed through his own trauma and rejoined in 1974 determined to serve the community and play his part in seeking to thwart terrorism. He was stationed at Lisnaskea Police Station, and in 1976 he joined Special Branch.

Norman is remembered on SEFF’s latest Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents. The RUC crest on his patch signifies Norman’s dedication and duty to serving his country and community.

The other symbols are to represent his involvement in the Boys Brigade and his favourite football team, West Ham United, as he was an avid fan and keen footballer himself. Norman also loved music.

Meanwhile Geordie Maughan is remembered on another SEFF Memorial Quilt - Terrorism knows NO Borders.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Prue and Maughan families today and every day.