Samuel Faircliffe (Clifford) Lundy

SEFF remembers Samuel Faircliffe Lundy (known as Clifford) who was murdered by PIRA terrorists 39 years ago today on 2nd January 1980 at his home adjacent to Kingsmills Presbyterian Church, he was returning home from his first day back to work after the Christmas holidays.

Clifford was a 62-year-old lorry-driver. He had been in the [UDR](https://www.irishtimes.com/topics/topics-7.1213540?article=true&tag_organisation=UDR) [Ulster Defence Regiment], and made the rank of Corporal but had left it almost three years previously.

About 300 yards from his home, on January 5th, 1976, ten of his Protestant neighbours had been taken from their works minibus, lined up at the side of the road and murdered by the IRA in what is known as, the Kingsmills Massacre. In the same year, one of his brothers-in-law, also in the UDR, was shot by the IRA. In 1975, a second brother-in-law again in the UDR, had also been murdered.

Clifford was born in County Armagh on 20th July 1916, he had one brother and 6 sisters (one of whom still survives) He was a Protestant, a member of a small and isolated community.

He married Mary Jane Bell (known as Jeannie) on 5th June 1939, they had two sons (both of whom died in infancy) and one daughter.

In the early years of Clifford’s working life he farmed but he was later employed as a lorry driver for Haldane Shiells Ltd, they were a Builder’s Merchants based in Newry. In his spare time Clifford did a lot of mechanical work on cars, lorries and on his own motorbike and he often attended motorcycle races and enjoyed the sport.

Clifford was on the Home Guards from 1940-1944; he was also a member of the Ulster Special Constabulary until it disbanded in 1970. He then joined the Ulster Defence Regiment and served from 1970 - 1978 when he retired as a Corporal.

Clifford is remembered on our most recent Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents. The Lundy family circle are in our thoughts and prayers today and every day.