**Cpl David Graham**

**25th March 1977**

SEFF remembers Cpl. David Graham who was murdered by PIRA terrorists and who died on 25th March 1977.

On the 15th March 1977 David went to his civilian place of work, Masstock factory Coalisland where two armed masked Provisional IRA gunmen shot David from behind, as he fell to the ground they continued to fire at him. David lived for 10 days on a life support machine but sadly due to his inhumane injuries he died on the 25th March 1977. David lies resting in Killyman Parish graveyard.

David was born in July 1938, in the heartland of Cohannon, Tamnamore. He was the first-born son of Richard and Margaret Graham, brother to Ethel, Jim and the late John. David married his sweetheart Eileen McMinn, on 16th March 1964. They had three children Derek, Alan and Serena.

In 1972 David became a part-time member of the 8th Battalion of the UDR. He served for five years and made the rank of Corporal, he was to be promoted to Sergeant before his murder.

David’s love was his family, but he also had a keen interest in greyhounds, in fact in the early 1970s he sold one of his prized greyhounds to gather up some money to take his family on holidays to Ballina. Two weeks prior to the holiday the dog, Moreclose broke the track record in England.

David was a proud member of LOL 513 which he was Deputy Master at the time of his murder. He was a member of Bush Black RBP No 4 and a member of RAOB, Dungannon. David also had a great love for gardening particularly growing vegetables and flowers in his garden patch, the pink Rose being his favourite of all.

David is remembered on SEFF’s most recent Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents.

Loved, cherished and never forgotten.

The Graham family circle are in our thoughts and prayers today and every day.