**Cpl James McFall**

**27th July 1977**

SEFF remembers Cpl James (Jimmy) McFall who was murdered on 27th July 1977. Jimmy was a part time member of the 10th Battalion UDR based in Belfast; he was also a full time post man.

Jimmy had 5 children aged from 10 - 16 years at the time of his murder. Along with wife Muriel, two of his children, Ann and Jim witnessed his murder on that awful day.

At 8.30am two PIRA gunmen walked up to the front door and shot at him through the glass panel. With Jimmy’s family upstairs they were liable to come down at any time and walk straight into danger so Jimmy had no choice but to go into the hall. Neighbours came to help and the police and ambulance arrived but sadly Jimmy passed away in the hallway of his home.

Ann Carson (daughter) and aged 16 at the time of her Dad’s murder reflects:

“My father did not have a sectarian bone in his body and we were brought up to respect everyone, regardless of their religion. That has helped us since his murder because we have not held any animosity towards ordinary Catholics”.

“I have my father’s wallet - the dried blood is still on it. We have very few photos. Some days the pain is unbearable, and although it’s decades on, it still seems like yesterday. Very few people seem to remember or care about his sacrifice. We feel forgotten, in a very dark and lonely place - betrayed by the Government who encouraged him to enrol in the UDR. A Government which should be bringing his murderers to justice, but who would rather sweep it all under the carpet as it’s now an inconvenience to them”.

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Jimmy was a devoted family man; he was buried on his youngest daughter’s 11th birthday. The horror and pain of Jimmy’s murder stays with his family to this very day, their hearts are broken. Jimmy was a victim of the worst crime - murder.

The family feel let down by the authorities because no-one has ever been brought to justice for the crime. Jimmy’s legacy lives on within the family which survives him, ‘he is our hero’.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the McFall family circle on this the 43rd anniversary since the brutal murder of Jimmy by PIRA terrorists and our support is with them in the days that lie ahead.