**Jimmy Graham**

**1st February 1985**

SEFF remembers James (Jimmy) Graham who was murdered on 1st February 1985.

Jimmy, a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was murdered whilst off duty. He was shot at Derrylin, where he had driven to Derrylin Primary School on the outskirts of the village to pick up school children, bound for swimming lessons at the Lakeland Forum in Enniskillen.

Jimmy aged 39, left behind a wife (Lily) and son and daughter (Sharon and Thomas).

Jimmy was one of three Graham brothers murdered by the IRA. Cecil and Ronnie had died in IRA attacks prior to his shooting. The Graham family suffered an earlier loss when sister (Hilary) was knocked down at an Army checkpoint dying a small number of months later. Hilary was a UDR Greenfinch soldier.

Despite the pain and anguish endured by the Graham family, Jimmy’s son Thomas (Tommy) went on to join the UDR/R IRISH.

The Graham family never bowed to terrorism, their sacrifice has been beyond anything imaginable but they are an example to all of us. We must only look to them when we may ever feel like giving up.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lily, Sharon, Tommy and Jimmy's only surviving sibling Pam as well as the wider Graham family circle.