

Joseph 'Joe' McCloskey



Civilian

22nd September 1932 – 31st July 1972

Joe McCloskey worked in DuPont, having previously worked in England for a time and also on a bread run.

Joe, as he was known to friends and family, was cruelly taken in the Claudy Bombing. He was only 39. It was his day off from work and he had popped into the village from his home just outside Claudy. It was in this home where, with his wife Sheila, he was raising his young family. A family of 7, with the eldest only 11 years old at the time of his untimely death.

All his family were left with were memories of the great fun he was. His kindness and generosity were often spoke of too as people from the town of Claudy reminisced about him with fondness.

Joe's real passion was football and did he take his football seriously. He played for his local club through all ages along with his brothers who were also involved in the club. He loved football so much that when his first child was born, he was in Croke Park at the all Ireland final.