

THE MEMORIAL QUILTS PROJECT

SEFF currently has seven memorial quilts and those innocents remembered on each individual quilt are then included in a corresponding booklet.

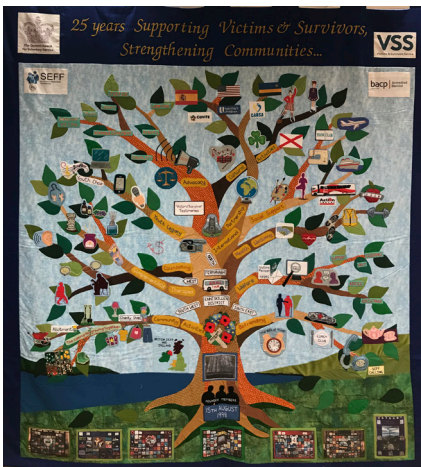
The seven quilts are:

- Your Legacy Lives On
- Patchwork of Innocents
- Terrorism knows No Borders
- Uniting Innocent Victims
- Brougher Mountain Innocents Remembered
- Through Remembering, We Build Bridges
- Lives that Mattered

These quilts collectively remember over 500 innocent victims of the terrorist campaign and wider Northern Ireland Troubles.

The project will continue to evolve over the coming months and years.

Families and others are reminded that it is not always possible to display every quilt at every event and nor will we always have back copies of every quilt booklet, but we will endeavour to replenish stocks as quickly as is possible.



SEFF's Organisational tapestry dedicated in September 2023 marking SEFF's 25th Anniversary.

This booklet was reprinted in September 2024.

FOREWORD

SEFF has operated a service within the East Region of Northern Ireland since 2020, the service was developed for two core reasons;

1. A realisation that we were failing to provide a truly holistic set of services for our members located within this sub-Region of Northern Ireland, the vast majority of our efforts were concentrated within the West and South of the Country.
2. An acknowledgement that there are substantive numbers of victims/survivors living within the East Region who have never had access to victim/survivor support services, particularly outside of the greater Belfast area.

This particular memorial quilt aptly titled The SEFF Family Remembers seeks to bring a level of recognition to those who previously were not acknowledged, who haven't had political or resource-based focus.

This memorial quilt brings together families of innocents from across the community and who have been impacted by violence perpetrated across the board.

This is SEFF's 7th quilt and follows:

Your Legacy Lives On, A Patchwork of Innocents, Uniting Innocent Victims, Terrorism knows No Borders, Brougher Mountain Innocents Remembered and Through Remembering, We Build Bridges.

Each of these previous brand titles reflect core messages we wish to represent through the lives being remembered and also honoured.

The basis for the East Region Quilt name can be found in comments made by many families, no-one remembers us, no-one cares, we are forgotten. The SEFF Family ALWAYS remembers and will continue to do so in the months and years ahead, thus ensuring that the legacy of innocents and the way in which they chose to live their lives is represented and honoured.

I would wish to thank the following people who have assisted my efforts in making this Project possible:

1. Sonia Johnston (Project facilitator) and her small but very committed team of volunteer quilters. Yet again the team have done us proud and have produced an absolute work of art, a precious piece of living history and which will be mainly displayed within our East Region Office, Lisburn.

2. Joy Aiken (SEFF's Projects Coordinator) for her efforts in liaising with families and in collating information thus providing the essential link between quilting volunteers and the families.
3. Mabel Black and Avril Johnston for their important contributions.
4. Any other staff members who proactively engaged with families to secure their involvement with the Project.
5. Nevin Brown (Advocacy Support Worker) who took on responsibility for securing new quilt stands that are more user friendly for displaying the quilts as well as bringing a sense of uniformity.
6. The Victims and Survivors Service and the Peace IV Recording Lived Experiences Project which provided the necessary resourcing for the Project.

This memorial quilt covers members of the security forces (Police and Army) Prison Service personnel, civilians from across the community and of all ages, from 17-mths - 87 years and it also includes those impacted by all forms of terrorism and wider violence.

SEFF's Memorial Quilts have been displayed in many public venues over the years and this will increase in the times ahead with a number of locations booked to host them, the quilts humanise those murdered/killed and bring to life the special people being remembered.

They are also a powerful statement of the illegitimacy and wrong of violence and that there was NEVER justification for the use of criminal violence in the furtherance of or defence of a political objective - there was ALWAYS other options.

Yours,

Kenny Donaldson

(SEFF's Director)



Status / Rank	Name of Deceased	Date of Murder / Death
Civilian	James (Jimmy) McCurrie	27/06/1970
Civilian	Colin Nicholl	11/12/1971
Sergeant	Maynard Crawford	13/01/1972
Constable	Ernest McAllister	20/03/1972
Constable	Robert David Lavery	16/07/1972
Reserve Constable	John Montgomery (Jackie) Gibson	21/07/1972
Civilian	Thomas Killops	21/07/1972
Civilian	Margaret O'Hare	21/07/1972
Civilian	Stephen Parker	21/07/1972
Civilian	David McAleese	20/12/1972
Civilian	James Mullan	21/12/1972
Civilian	Seamus Gilmore	05/02/1973
Civilian	Nan Davis	12/06/1973
Civilian	Elizabeth Palmer	12/06/1973
Senator	Paddy Wilson	25/06/1973
Civilian	Irene Andrews	25/06/1973
Civilian	Thomas Niedermayer	27/12/1973
Judge	Roger Hugh Conaghan	16/09/1974
Civilian	David Davidson	21/08/1975
Civilian	John Edward McCready	27/01/1976
Civilian	Patrick Anthony O'Reilly	09/03/1976
Civilian	Myles Francis O'Reilly	09/03/1976
Civilian	William Herron	07/04/1976
Civilian	Beth Herron	07/04/1976
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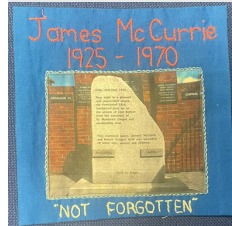
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Civilian	Daniel (Danny) McNeill	05/06/1976
Civilian	Joanne Maguire	10/08/1976
Civilian	Andrew Maguire	10/08/1976
Civilian	John Maguire	11/08/1976
Civilian	Anne Maguire	21/01/1980
Prison Officer	Robert John (Roy) Hamilton	08/10/1976
Civilian	Yvonne Dunlop	09/10/1976
Civilian	Graeme Dougan	01/01/1977
Corporal	James (Jimmy) McFall	27/07/1977
Civilian	Thomas Neeson	17/02/1978
Civilian	Sarah Cooper	17/02/1978
Civilian	William (Billy) Hanna	21/06/1978
Clerk II	John Murdie McTier	14/12/1978
Prison Officer	Thomas Gilhooley	05/11/1979
Chief Officer 1	William 'Punchy' Wright	03/12/1979
Civilian	Max Olorunda	17/01/1980
Civilian	William Younger	15/08/1980
Civilian	Letitia (Letty) Younger	15/08/1980
Prison Officer	William Burns	30/12/1980
Reserve Constable	Lindsay McDougall	14/01/1981
Constable	Gary Martin	27/04/1981
Constable	Philip Charles Ellis	06/05/1981
Civilian	Desmond Guiney	08/05/1981
Civilian	Eric Guiney	13/05/1981
Reserve Constable	John Eagleson	01/10/1982

Status / Rank	Name of Deceased	Date of Murder / Death
Sergeant	Eric Brown	06/01/1983
Constable	Brian Quinn	06/01/1983
Civilian	Edgar Graham	07/12/1983
Civilian	Mary Travers	08/04/1984
Inspector	Patrick Martin Vance	31/08/1985
Private	Robert Hill	01/07/1986
Reserve Constable	Frederick Verner Armstrong	11/04/1987
Detective Constable	Michael Malone	26/08/1987
Private	William John Moreland	16/12/1988
Civilian	James Henry Babington	04/10/1989
Civilian	Robert Burns	06/11/1989
Detective Constable	John (Spence) McGarry	06/04/1991
Private	Brian Marcus Lawrence	17/06/1991
Constable	Michael John Ferguson	23/01/1993
Civilian	Leanne Murray	23/10/1993
Civilian	Mark Rodgers	26/10/1993
Constable	John (Jackie) Haggan	10/03/1994
Reserve Constable	David Andrew Johnston	16/06/1997
Constable	Roland John Graham	16/06/1997
Civilian	David Cupples	25/12/2002
Civilian	Lyra McKee	18/04/2019

JAMES (JIMMY) MCCURRIE

CIVILIAN

23RD MARCH 1925 – 27TH JUNE 1970



James (Jimmy) McCurrie was married to Kathleen and was a father to 5 children, Mary, Robert, Billy, Margaret and Jimmy (who was born exactly 6 months after his father's murder).

Since his discharge from the army in 1947, Jimmy worked at Kellys coal quay in Belfast.

Apart from his family Jimmy had a keen interest in boxing having boxed for his regiment whilst in the army.

He was a quiet family man and Jimmy, like most men at the time would have gone out on a Saturday afternoon to the local pub to meet up with friends and enjoy the 'crack' although during the summer months most Saturdays would be spent at the seaside in Bangor Co Down with his family.

That particular Saturday 27th June 1970 would have been a Bangor day but the younger McCurries were doing what was normal at the time and were engrossed with their friends painting the kerb stones for the upcoming 12th July Celebrations. That evening Jimmy went to the local Buffs club to pay his dues. Making his way home through Streets he had walked all his life when Provisional IRA terrorists opened fire, without warning and shot Jimmy and another innocent unarmed man, Bobby [Ginger] Neill. In a preplanned and unproved attack PIRA murdered Jimmy and Bobby and wounded more than 28 people.

The newspaper headlined read "People shot at like flies" and another headline stated "East Belfast's worst night Air raids".

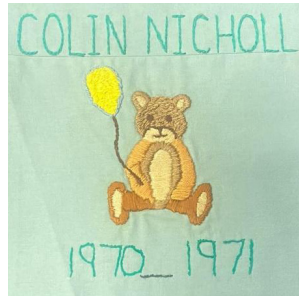
The McCurrie/Neill Memorial Garden opened in June 2003 and also remembers four innocent men murdered in West Belfast on 27th June 1970 - William Thomas Reid, William Kincaid, Daniel Loughlins, Alexander Gould.

Innocent, Unarmed, Not Forgotten.

COLIN NICHOLL

CIVILIAN

30TH JUNE 1970 - 11TH DECEMBER 1971



Baby Colin aged just 17-months-old was one of four innocents to be murdered as a result of the Balmoral Furniture bomb attack.

Two-year-old Tracey Munn and 17-month-old Colin Nicholl were being pushed in their pram on the Shankill Road when a wall collapsed on top of them. Tracey's mother was seriously injured suffering a fractured skull and pelvis, she was looking after baby Colin while his mother was attending the funeral of her young nephew.

The funeral processions of the two babies met up at Cliftonpark Avenue with almost 1,000 men walking in the cortege. As the coffins passed, people in the streets cried openly.

Colin lived with his adoptive parents at Elimgrove Street. His parents were in England at the time of the bombing to visit his mother's sister whose young child was killed in a car accident.

Others who were murdered in this no warning bomb incident perpetrated by The Provisional IRA were:

Harold King, 20-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, single, and who was an auctioneer's assistant.

Tracey Munn, 2-year-old Protestant baby girl

Hugh Bruce, 50-year-old Protestant civilian, married with two children, and who was a commissionaire.

Nineteen other people were injured, some of them seriously.

SERGEANT MAYNARD CRAWFORD

SERVICE NUMBER: 21499058

17TH JULY 1930 – 13TH JANUARY 1972



Maynard was married with two sons who were aged 9 and 3 years at the time of his murder. Due to their age his sons have very few memories of their Daddy but they are very blessed to have heard many stories of their father from his closest friends. Many spoke about his professionalism as a soldier but also his values as a man.

A joiner by trade Maynard worked for various building contractors, he was a member of the 'B' specials and a marksman winning many trophies before its disbandment upon which he joined the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Maynard was a big man of 6'3" and worked hard to look after his wife and sons sadly they lost out on so much as he was taken from them at such a young age. He missed out on his children and grandchildren and his wife was left to bring up her two sons on her own, she was an incredibly strong woman and worked all her life to provide for her boys.

Maynard was always wanting to help people, he was a kind and gentle person who would be there if anyone needed a hand, his sons are now often told that they have the same traits.

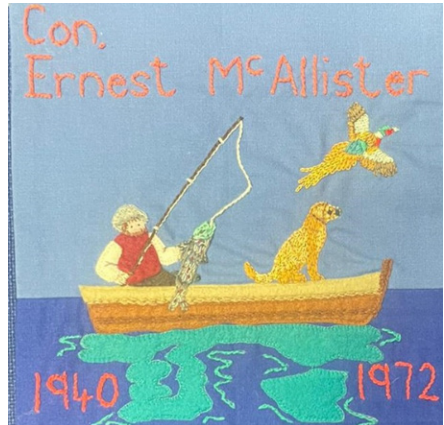
On 13th January 1972 Maynard was working on a building site in Belfast when he was ambushed by the Provisional IRA. Maynard was the building site foreman, he was sitting in a van waiting to take workers home just after 4pm when four gunmen pulled alongside in a dark blue Ford Cortina and fired two shots through the window.

Maynard was hit in the head and died instantly. He is missed every day by his family.

CONSTABLE ERNEST MCALLISTER

SERVICE NUMBER: 8658

11TH SEPTEMBER 1940 – 20TH MARCH 1972



Ernest joined the RUC in 1961 and was first stationed in Omagh along with his best friend Stan Corry. Ernest and Stan remained firm friends during the next 10 years and indeed were “Best Man” for each other when they each got married. Stan was murdered on duty in Belfast in November 1971 and the two families remain in close contact to this day.

During his service Ernest was also stationed in Trillick, Strabane, Drumquin, Lisburn and Castlereagh. Whilst serving in Castlereagh, he worked in the Communications Unit for 2 years.

On 20th March 1972 he proudly put on his uniform for the first time since transferring to Castlereagh and volunteered to assist his colleagues in the City Centre. He was working alongside Constable Bernie O'Neill when they received a radio communication advising that a report of a car bomb had been received. They were tasked with evacuating Castle Street and were in the process of leading people to safety in Donegall Street when the car bomb exploded.

The Provisional IRA had in fact abandoned the car bomb in Donegall Street. Ernest and his colleague were murdered instantly along with 4 civilians, another man died from injuries a few days later bringing the death toll to 7. There were almost 150 injured, some losing limbs, and some losing their eyesight. The Provisional IRA admitted responsibility but no one has ever been convicted or charged for their part in these murders.

Ernest married Florence in March 1968 and together they had a daughter, Gillian who was born in August 1970. At that time the family were living in Lisburn. When Ernest was murdered, Florence was pregnant and Jacqui was born some 4½ months afterwards.

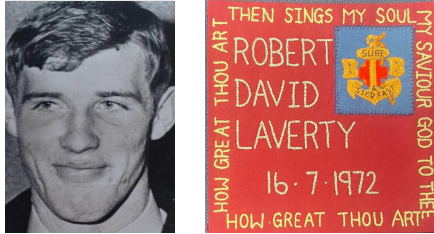
Ernest left behind his grieving father and two sisters he was a very sociable man and enjoyed a glass or two of Guinness! He enjoyed sailing on Belfast Lough, deep sea fishing and wildfowl shooting. He was also involved with the Masonic Lodge at The Mount in Belfast. He had many great friends and indeed even after all these years, his family are still hearing stories from people who knew him well and who enjoyed spending time in his company. As a father Ernest is always talked about at home and his family have a deep sense of pride in the service that he gave to his country.

Ernest now has 4 grandchildren who all know about their Granda and the sacrifice that he made. Indeed, his 2 grandsons have many of his traits. The family are determined that they will continue to ensure that his memory lives on, despite the passing of all these years.

CONSTABLE ROBERT DAVID LAVERTY

SERVICE NUMBER: 10887

8TH SEPTEMBER 1953 – 16TH JULY 1972



Robert David Laverty was the fourth child and second son of James and Jane Laverty and he came from the town of Ballycastle on the North Antrim Coast. Jane had been widowed in 1962 and with seven children she relied on her tenacious spirit, her hard work and creativity, and her faith to carry her through what had been ten tough years.

Robert joined the RUC as a career move after initially serving time as an apprentice engineer at Monsanto in Coleraine. He saw this move as an opportunity to provide a good life for himself and to send something home for the family in Ballycastle.

However in the very early hours of July 16th 1972 Robert was a back seat passenger in a patrol car which was ambushed on the lower Antrim Road in Belfast. Robert was shot in the head. Despite his colleagues best efforts to save his life, he passed away without regaining consciousness.

Robert was 18 years old and his sad passing had a devastating impact on his very close knit family and in the wider community in North Antrim where the Laverty family were well known, loved and respected.

Thousands turned out for his funeral in the local Presbyterian Church where the church bell was later restored in his honour by friends and colleagues. Robert is sadly missed but never forgotten by his family.

The words of the famous hymn, 'How Great Thou Art' were chosen for Robert's patch as this hymn has great significance to the family, it is often sung in remembrance of Robert when the family get together.

BLOODY FRIDAY 21ST JULY 1972



On 21st July 1972 The Provisional IRA set off 22 bombs across the City of Belfast terrorising the community, from whatever background people came.

The net result was significant destruction to the city, with a message being sent to potential foreign investors and others, to stay away from Belfast and Northern Ireland.

However, the greater and most significant loss that day was the loss of human life; 9 were murdered, with over 130 injured as a result of that day of carnage.

The purpose of The Provisional IRA's actions that day was to destabilise Northern Ireland and our capital city of Belfast, they sought to instil fear and breed division. The intention was to ward off would be investors in the City and Northern Ireland, they sought to bring the city to its' knees".

The Bloody Friday families have carried on with their lives and have never received focus nor resources lavished upon them, they have carried on with a quiet yet steely determination.

Bloody Friday was a brutal premeditated day of coordinated violence, no-one has been held accountable for it, we are clear that this is unacceptable, the families deserve accountability, their loved one's lives mattered.

SEFF successfully lobbied for Bloody Friday to be marked by Belfast City Council on the 50th Anniversary of the atrocity, bringing some well overdue recognition of the horror of that day to the families, injured and first responders connected

List of those murdered:

Stephen Cooper (19), member of the British Army, killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

William Crothers (15), Protestant civilian, killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

John Gibson (45), Protestant civilian, killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

William Irvine (18), Protestant civilian (but also a UDA member) killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

Thomas Killops (39), Protestant civilian, killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

Brigid Murray (65), Roman Catholic civilian, killed in explosion in Cavehill Road, Belfast

Margaret O'Hare (34), Roman Catholic civilian, killed in explosion in Cavehill Road, Belfast

Stephen Parker (14), Protestant civilian, killed in explosion in Cavehill Road, Belfast

Philip Price (27), member of the British Army, killed in explosion at Oxford Street Bus Station, Belfast

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOHN MONTGOMERY (JACKIE) GIBSON

SERVICE NUMBER: R1974

23RD JULY 1927 – 21ST JULY 1972



Robert John Montgomery Gibson (known as Jackie) was born at Derryboy, Co. Down. He was married to Moreen Gibson and they had five children, Robert, Hilary, Lynda, Stephen and Dorothy. He was a bus driver with Ulsterbus and a part time Police Reserve Constable.

Along with his wife and two daughters he was a member of Raffrey Presbyterian Church choir, often taking the solo lead, he had previously been a member of Crossgar Choral Society, and proudly sang with the Belfast CE Choir. He was extremely well known in the local area and was very highly thought of.

Jackie was also keen gardener and his family have fond memories of him growing flowers and vegetables in his garden in particular they remember sweet pea, broad beans and peas.

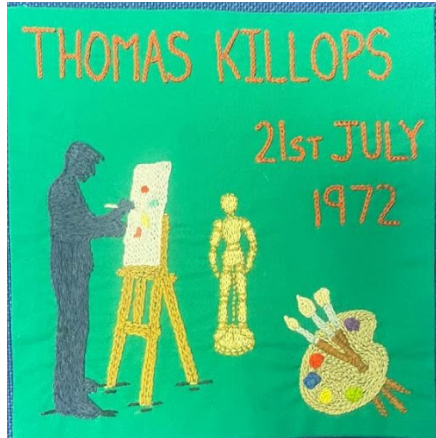
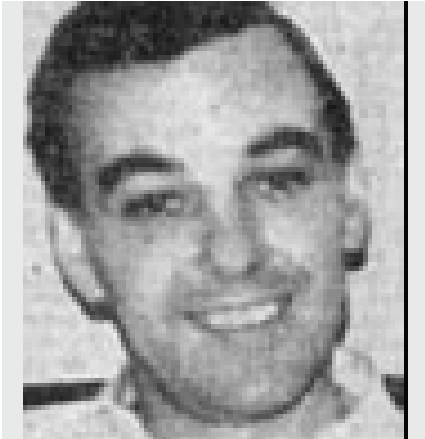
Jackie was paying in the money to the office from his bus route on the 21st July 1972 when he was murdered by a Provisional IRA bomb which exploded in the Oxford Street Bus Station in Belfast, on the day which has become known as 'Bloody Friday'.

Over 50 years later he is still much loved and missed by his family. The patch on the quilt is memorialised by an Ulsterbus, a gardening image and musical notes to show his work and his love of gardening and singing.

THOMAS (TOM) KILLOPS

CIVILIAN

21ST JULY 1972



Thomas who was fondly known as Tom was born and bred in Portadown, County Armagh. He met a girl from Carryduff and they settled together in Newtownbreda.

Tom was a very talented artist and had a spare bedroom in his house which he used as his studio. His wife moved to England 13 years after his murder and only then was his art equipment removed from the room. Tom painted numerous memorial images on the banners carried by Orange Lodges.

Tom was an Ulsterbus driver but due to high blood pressure he had been confined to office duties, it was while he was at work that he was murdered during the 'Bloody Friday' attacks when a Provisional IRA bomb exploded in Oxford Street Bus Station in Belfast City Centre, he was 39 years old.

MARGARET O'HARE

CIVILIAN

SEPTEMBER 1937 – 21ST JULY 1972



Margaret was born and bred in Belfast, she was 34 years old and married with 7 children the youngest being only 1 year old at the time of Margaret's murder on 'Bloody Friday' - 21st January 1972.

Margaret had went to pick up some of her older children and was sitting in her car outside shops on the Cavehill Road when the bomb went off. She had 3 children with her at the time, they escaped with minor scrapes but unfortunately their beloved mother had her life stolen from her.

Having 7 children meant that Margaret was a very busy mother but she did enjoy some pass times such as dancing and drama.

The bombings perpetrated by The Provisional IRA that fateful deed had far-reaching implications for the O'Hare family and so many others impacted by the heinous events of that day.

STEPHEN PARKER

CIVILIAN

21ST JULY 1972



Stephen Parker was 14-years-old when he died in an explosion close to shops on the Cavehill Road in north Belfast, along with Margaret O'Hare, 34 and Brigid Murray, 65.

Stephen was one of nine to be murdered as a consequence of Bloody Friday, circa 130 were injured. Bloody Friday was an event and day which saw 22 bombs detonated across the city of Belfast by Provisional IRA terrorists, wreaking havoc.

His father, Rev Joseph Parker, the then chaplain to the Missions for Seamen in Belfast, had to identify Stephen following the explosion. Stephen's brother Roger also joined the clergy and ministers to his flock in England.

Stephen is remembered as "a young man full of life, full of fun," and his family have remarked that he had packed so much into 14 years as is often the case with those who die young, there was just such a life there.

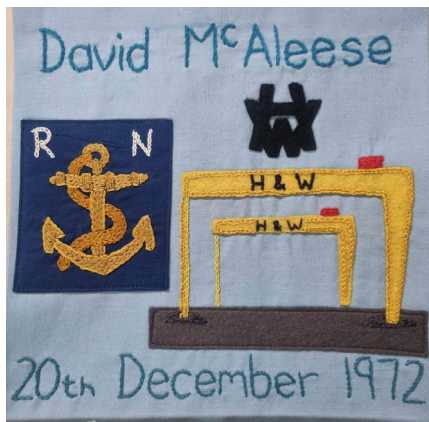
Stephen was involved with The City of Belfast Youth Orchestra, and the prestigious

Stephen Parker Award was established in his name. Stephen had so much to give and tragically this ended before he could ever reach his fullest potential.

DAVID MCALEESE

CIVILIAN

20TH DECEMBER 1972



David McAleese was a 37-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, he was married with 4 children and was an aircraft worker from Vulcan Street in the Short Strand.

Around 7am on 20th December 1972 he was standing on the Newtownards Road waiting for a lift to work as he did every other morning. He worked in the Royal Naval Aircraft yard and waited in the same place every day for his lift where he was shot by the UDA/UFF from a passing car. He was shot 3 times at close range. He just said goodbye to his wife and children and walked out of Young's Row when he was shot.

A passer-by comforted him until the ambulance arrived but he died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

David was described by his brother-in-law as a quiet family man who was not connected with any political body. He said: "David was a hard worker. There could be no real motive for this murder but whoever did it knew who they were hitting. He strolled down Vulcan Street every morning and it must have been easy to wait for him".

In January 1973, four men were charged for David's sectarian motivated murder.

JAMES MULLAN

CIVILIAN

21ST DECEMBER 1972



James was murdered by loyalists (believed to be the Red Hand Commando) as he waited on the Clondeboye Road, Bangor for a lift to his nightshift work at a carpet factory based in Donaghadee. James lived in the nearby Tudor Park having moved from Belfast some months previously. He had formerly worked as a bread server. James had a 4-year-old son at the time of his murder.

As his regular lift pulled up so too did another car and shots were fired hitting James on the arm and stomach, he died in hospital just 30 minutes later. James' murder was the first sectarian killing to take place in Bangor, known as a picturesque North Down seaside Town.

In January 1973 four men from east Belfast were charged with his murder along with two others, Sandra Meli and David McAleese but three months later the charges were dropped. James Mullan is yet another murder which remains unsolved.

Unfortunately we have been unable to include a photograph for James within the booklet; James had been survived by sister Una whose married

name was Moffett.

Una and her family joined SEFF some years ago after reading an article we had been quoted from within The Belfast Telegraph, she rang the office and asked could her family join, that ours' was the organisation that she could associate with – she related with our consistent stance on terrorism and criminal violence from whatever quarter it came.

Una was due to speak at SEFF's Conference in 2018 and the European Day for Victims of Terrorism event in Stormont but tragically she passed away in January of that year.

It was Una's wish prior to her passing that a patch be added on our next quilt remembering James so we are following through with her wishes.

Unfortunately despite several attempts we haven't been able to locate another surviving family member at the point of this Publication being printed.

Una and her husband owned the popular and successful business Balmoral Furniture and were no strangers to being victimised through terrorism, their business – a business which always employed Protestant and Roman Catholic was the business attacked by Bobby Sands and his colleagues and for which they were then incarcerated within the Maze Prison.

James will not be forgotten nor will Una, a lady we are privileged to have known.

SEAMUS GILMORE

CIVILIAN

21ST JUNE 1954 – 5TH FEBRUARY 1973



Seamus grew up in Rosscoole Park, North Belfast, he had 4 sisters and 1 brother. At 12 years of age Seamus bought himself a black and white Collie dog, he called it Sailor – he loved the dog and the dog loved him.

He attended Christian Brothers school and worked part time in a local petrol station at Mount Pleasant from the age of 14 years old. It was while he was working in the petrol station he was gunned down by members of the UVF in February 1973, he was 18 at the time.

Seamus also drove a dark blue mini which is represented within his patch on the Memorial Quilt.

The families of Senator Paddy Wilson and Seamus Gilmore are particularly close down the years, and remain so. They are able to empathise with each other's painful lived experiences.

COLERAINE BOMBINGS

12TH JUNE 1973



On 12 June 1973 the Provisional IRA detonated two car bombs in Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The first bomb exploded at 3:00 pm on Railway Road, killing six people and injuring 33; several lost limbs and were left disabled for life. A second bomb exploded five minutes later at Hanover Place. This did not cause any injuries, although it added to the panic and confusion in the area. The IRA had sent a warning for the second bomb but said it had mistakenly given the wrong location for the first.

As the six victims had all been Protestant, the bombings brought about a violent backlash from loyalist paramilitaries, who swiftly retaliated by unleashing a series of sectarian killings of Catholics that culminated in the double killing of Senator Paddy Wilson and Irene Andrews on 25th/26th June.

Sinn Féin councillor Sean McGlinchey, brother of Dominic McGlinchey, later INLA Chief of Staff, was convicted of planting the bomb and spent 18 years in prison. He was elected mayor of Limavady Borough Council in 2011.

Two cars were stolen from south Londonderry and were packed with explosives and driven by an Active Service Unit (ASU) of the South Derry Provisional IRA to the mainly-Protestant town of Coleraine.

The car bombs were parked on Railway Road and Hanover Place. Two

warnings made to the Telephone Exchange at 2.30pm. named the location for the Hanover Place device and for another bomb on Society Street, which later “proved to be a hoax”.

At about 3.00pm. a Ford Cortina containing a 100-150 pound (45-68 kg) bomb exploded outside a wine shop on Railway Road, killing six pensioners (four women and two men) and injuring 33 people, a number of them schoolchildren.

The six pensioners - Elizabeth Craigmile (76), Robert Scott (72), Dinah Campbell (72), Francis Campbell (70), Nan Davis (60), and Elizabeth Palmer (60) - were all Protestant.

Elizabeth Craigmile, the Campbells and their daughter Hilary had been on a day outing and were returning home to Belfast when the bomb had gone off; they were beside the carbomb at the moment of detonation.

In his book *Years of Darkness: The Troubles Remembered*, academic Gordon Gillespie described the attacks as “a forgotten massacre” of the Troubles”.

NAN DAVIS

CIVILIAN

27TH MARCH 1905 – 12TH JUNE 1973



Nan Davis was a 60-year-old widow from Linden Avenue, Coleraine, she had 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls.

Nan was a home maker and enjoyed many pastimes including knitting, sewing, cooking and baking. She was also heavily involved in her church – St. Patrick’s Church, Coleraine.

The church organised a lot of cross community events whether they be whist drives taking place in either the church or chapel hall. Nan would regularly attend these events and enjoyed them.

Nan’s husband had only passed away a year before she was cruelly taken on 12th June 1973, she was murdered as the result of a Provisional IRA terrorist bomb which exploded on Railway Road in Coleraine. The bomb had been planted in a stolen car and exploded at 3pm murdering 6 people in total, 4 women and 2 men.

ELIZABETH (CISSIE) PALMER

CIVILIAN

1ST MARCH 1912 – 12TH JUNE 1973



Elizabeth was a 60-year-old, single lady, she had 2 brothers and 1 sister. Her family owned a home baking business and Elizabeth worked in one of the shops. She left there and moved to Belfast to work as a cook in a home for the blind. She loved her job but the 'Troubles' in Belfast meant that bombs in the City were on the increase and Elizabeth was frightened about this so she moved back to Portrush to live with her sister, she then got a flat of her own in Coleraine and started to work in an Off Licence in the town.

On 12th June 1973 she went to work a shift in the off-licence, she wasn't meant to be working but the owner and his son were going away and she was called in. Elizabeth's nephew was also meant to be working but he had an exam on the same day. Unfortunately at 3pm a Provisional IRA bomb went off on Railway Street, Coleraine murdering 6 people and injuring 33. A second bomb went off 5 minutes later at Hanover Place, it did not cause any fatalities or injuries but it caused further pandemonium.

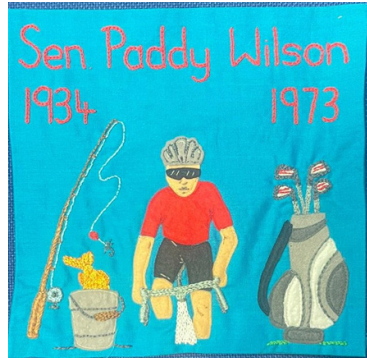
Elizabeth was lovingly known as Cissie by her family, she was very fond of her nephews and nieces whom she lived with previously, if they were happy she was happy. On a number of occasions she took some of her nieces on a trip to Butlin's in the Summer holidays.

She always liked to help people, if she could help she would. She also enjoyed dancing and was a fan of Jim Reeves. She was a community spirit and as she was a fantastic baker she would often bake for events that were on in the local area.

SENATOR PADDY WILSON

CIVILIAN

1934 – 25TH JUNE 1973



Paddy Wilson was murdered by the UFF alongside Irene Andrews on 25th/26th June 1973. Paddy was married with one son.

Paddy was an SDLP Senator and was highly respected across the political divide. He was a founder member and former General Secretary of the Party. Paddy was a close colleague of former SDLP leader, Gerry Fitt.

Paddy was a native of the Sailortown area of Belfast, situated close by the docks and he was the youngest of seven children.

Years after his father was murdered, Paddy's son Paul was asked to contribute to a commemoration plaque to be unveiled in Parliament Buildings, Stormont remembering Senator Wilson but also Senator Jack Barnhill.

Paul came up with the following words which he believes best reflect the values system his Dad didn't just speak, but also which he lived out; equality, tolerance and respect.

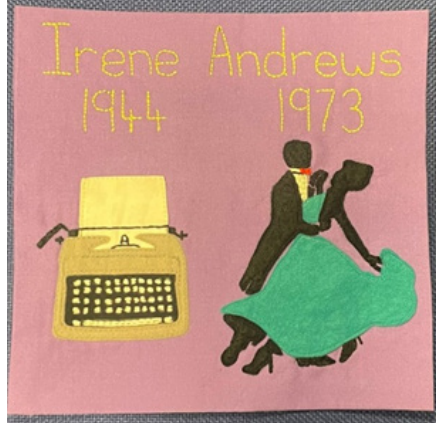
The double murder of Paddy Wilson and Irene Andrews was amongst the most gruesome and frenzied act of sectarian motivated violence of the entire 'Troubles' period.

Paddy had a number of interests outside his family and work they included fishing, golf and cycling.

IRENE ANDREWS

CIVILIAN

1944 – 25TH/26TH JUNE 1973



Irene Andrews was aged just 29 years when she was murdered alongside Paddy Wilson (SDLP Senator) on the night of 25/26 June 1973.

Irene was from a Protestant community background and was supposedly thought by her murderers to have been a Roman Catholic. The double murder was perpetrated by UDA/UFF terrorists and is regarded as amongst the most brutal to have been committed throughout the entire period of ‘The Troubles.’

Irene was regarded as a capable clerk within the Department of Education and was also noted in Belfast as a popular ballroom dancer who had been a member of Northern Ireland’s “Come Dancing” team.

In the frenzied knife attack committed upon Irene and Paddy, Irene endured 20 knife wounds, including having her breasts removed.

Irene was a much-loved daughter and had so much potential ahead of her, her murder and that of Paddy was carried out by those claiming to be ‘loyalists’.

THOMAS NIEDERMAYER

CIVILIAN

8TH MARCH 1929 - 27TH DECEMBER 1973



On 27th December 1973 Thomas was abducted from his home by the Provisional IRA. He was murdered and his body secretly buried. It would be seven years before his remains were discovered.

Thomas was the German chief of the Grundig plant in Dunmurry, south-west Belfast, which manufactured tape recorders.

The psychological trauma of what happened and the long agonising wait for the truth had a devastating impact on the Niedermayer family.

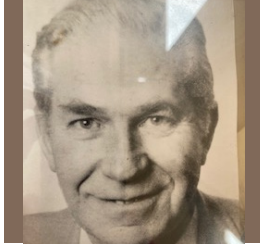
His wife Ingeborg, daughters Gabi and Renate and Gabi's husband Robin would all die by their own hands. All were victims of what happened to Thomas.

The Provisional IRA could have fully destroyed the Niedermayer family, their heinous murder of Thomas had ripple effects which continue to reverberate to this day.

JUDGE ROGER HUGH (RORY) CONAGHAN

CIVILIAN

27TH JULY 1920 – 16TH SEPTEMBER 1974



Roger Hugh Conaghan was born in the midst of the war of Independence, the story goes our grandmother was eight months pregnant when the Black and Tans came into the house and put a bayonet to her belly. Daddy was born shortly afterwards. He was the fourth son of Thomas E Conaghan (solicitor) and Sara Anne Conaghan (nee Mc Cormick).

His faith directed him throughout his life and he lived it in the spirit of the New Testament. He worked hard and was ambitious to make change believing that education and integrity of service was vital. He obtained a double first and a gold medal in debating at Queen's University where he also lectured, but as a Catholic he would never have gained tenure. During the Second World War he suffered the death of his brother Tommy at the hands of the Japanese. His father and brother were prisoners of war, his father in Changi and his brother a prisoner on the Burma railway.

He worked at the Bar and eventually became a QC in 1956 the same year he married Gabrielle Casey, the daughter of a family he had known all his life. He had two daughters and was a caring and supportive husband and father. His family and friends were his refuge and relief as were his annual visits to his beloved Culdaff.

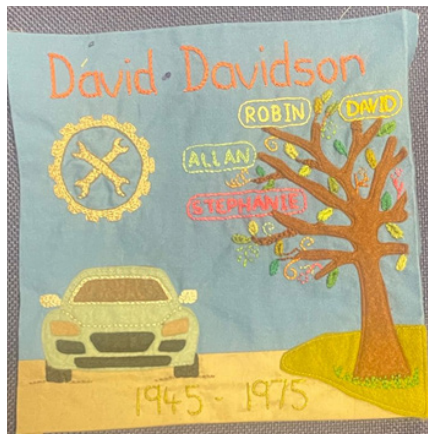
In 1965 he was the youngest Judge to be sworn in and he was appalled by the outbreak of violence in 1969 and did everything he could to act without fear or favour on the basis of evidence. He was against internment as he felt it would only inflame the situation. He was a constitutional nationalist and abhorred violence. His life had been threatened by paramilitaries on both sides of the divide. He believed that having a fair system of justice

was worth pursuing and if necessary, dying for.

DAVID DAVIDSON

CIVILIAN

1945 – 21ST AUGUST 1975



David was a 30-year-old Protestant civilian, a car salesman from Abbeyview at Muckamore. David was working in a car repair and sales yard near Chimney Corner Inn at Glengormley when he was shot by Irish Republican terrorists. Two men got out of a car and walked into the yard.

When David asked: “can I do anything for you, boys?”, they pulled out guns and fired at him hitting him in the chest. The 4-year-old daughter of another worker ran to David and lay beside him. She was treated for shock. Another man who had been working under the car was also shot and hit in the chest and stomach. He managed to stagger out and go to a nearby house to raise the alarm. He said to the owner of the firm: “I’ve got 3 in me”.

Police told the inquest they believed David’s Killing was a sectarian motivated murder.

David is missed every single day by his children David, Allan, Robin and Stephanie.

JOHN EDWARD MCCREADY

CIVILIAN

23RD FEBRUARY 1919 – 6TH FEBRUARY 1976



John was a well-liked and well-respected builder in Belfast. He grew up in Groomsport Village and Bangor where he was a part-time member of the Fire Service. He worked very hard in the building trade building houses, churches, rectorys and community buildings in the Belfast / South Down area.

He met and married Catherine (Renee) Rainey and they had a son, John Edward Martyn McCready. He took immense pleasure at the birth of his first grandchild, Karen but unfortunately he did not live to see the arrival of his grandson, Stephen as he was murdered by the Provisional IRA the year before Stephen was born robbing two children of a wonderful grandfather.

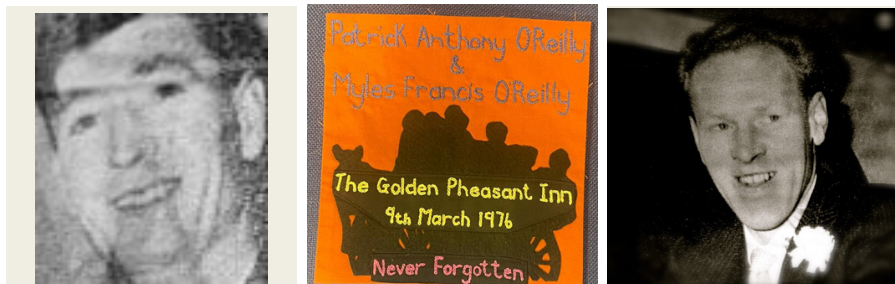
Outside of work and family John was a drummer with the Cleland Memorial Pipe Band for many years and a member of the Orange Lodge and Masonic fraternity of which he was dedicated to. His life centred around his work, home, family and his membership of these organisations. This is why the emblems were chosen for John's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

John was in fact returning from a Masonic meeting when he was stopped by two Provisional IRA men in a car, they opened fire and shot him 4 times - this happened on his wife's birthday, 26th January, he died in hospital a number of days later on 6th February 1976.

PATRICK ANTHONY & MYLES FRANCIS O'REILLY

CIVILIANS

9TH MARCH 1976



Brothers Anthony and Myles O'Reilly were murdered in 1976 in Lisburn by the UVF. Subsequently 3 men were convicted and sent to Jail.

Anthony, known as Tony to his family and friends (43) and Myles (41) were joint owners of the bar/restaurant 'The Golden Pheasant Inn,' Ballynahinch Road, Bailies Mills, near Lisburn, Co. Down. Tony lived on site with his family.

Armed gunmen entered the premises and shot both men dead and planted 2 bombs whilst herding staff members into a storeroom and locking them in. It was nothing short of a miracle that they escaped before the explosions and there were no other casualties. This attack was aimed at a larger number of people than simply the O'Reilly brothers and the family are grateful that no one else was hurt.

Tony left behind his wife Geraldine and 8 children under the age of 13 years.

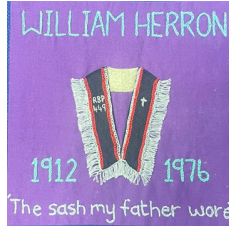
Tony's children remark that both he and their Mummy "were the most beautiful couple in the world. Daddy was so handsome. He was so family orientated and loved taking us out to dinner to show us off."

The brothers are buried together in Milltown Cemetery, Belfast.

WILLIAM (WILLIE) HERRON

CIVILIAN

5TH FEBRUARY 1912 – 7TH APRIL 1976



William known as Willie to his friends was born in 1912 at Dechomet near Ballyward, he was the eldest son of John and Ellen Herron and a brother of James, Tommy, Robert and Mary. After his school days he left the family farm to serve his apprenticeship to the drapery trade in Rathfriland followed by Walkers in Banbridge before coming to Jameson's in Church Street, Dromore.

Willie met Beth Scott, they married in 1941 and set up home at Kinallen where their twin daughters were born, Carol and Joy. Willie established his own business in Dromore but on expansion he purchased bigger premises on the corner of the Square and Bridge Street, the family moved into the accommodation above the shop, a second set of twins were born, Derrick and Alistair and the family was then complete with the birth of Noeline in 1949.

In the years that followed Herron's drapery business prospered in Dromore and in manufacturing band and other uniforms and regalia. The family had premises on Royal Avenue Belfast, they were destroyed by a bomb so the business relocated to Wellington Place.

Willie was viewed as a hardworking, pleasant individual who made many friends and was always willing to offer his time, expertise and support to initiatives which would benefit the town. He also had a strong faith.

On 7th April 1976 three members of the family, William, Beth and Noeline were sleeping in the flat above their drapery store where an incendiary device planted by two 16 year old female members of the Provisional IRA ignited. All three family members were overcome by smoke. The two PIRA terrorists concerned were imprisoned but were then granted The Royal Prerogative of Mercy and released.

William, Beth and Noeline are still very much missed and remembered by their surviving family members each and every day.

DOREEN ELIZABETH (BETH) HERRON

CIVILIAN

18TH SEPTEMBER 1917 – 7TH APRIL 1976



Doreen Elizabeth Herron (known as Beth) was born in 1917, she was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Scott from Mossvale, Artana, she was sister to Helen and Eric.

She met her husband William (Willie) at a Church Social function at First Dromara Presbyterian Church, they married in 1941 and had five children including two sets of twins.

Beth's husband owned a Drapery Store in Dromore, the family lived above the shop.

Beth had many interests outside her role as a homemaker, from Meals on Wheels to the OWA and Artana WI. She also played an active role in the family business.

A Dove as a sign of 'peace' was chosen to represent Beth on the Memorial Quilt.

NOELINE HELEN HERRON

CIVILIAN

11TH AUGUST 1949 – 7TH APRIL 1976



Noeline was the youngest sibling in the Herron family; she was born in 1949 and was involved in the family's drapery business.

She worked in a smaller shop her father owned in Dromore which sold household goods, curtain material, fabrics and so on. Noeline's square on the Memorial Quilt includes some patchwork which captures her work with fabrics, curtains etc in the household store.

All three members of the Herron family who were murdered on 7th April 1976 had a strong Christian faith; they were all committed to supporting each other, at home, in business, church and social activities.

'They say that time heals, well it certainly takes a lot of it, left behind are the loving memories & scars that never go away.'

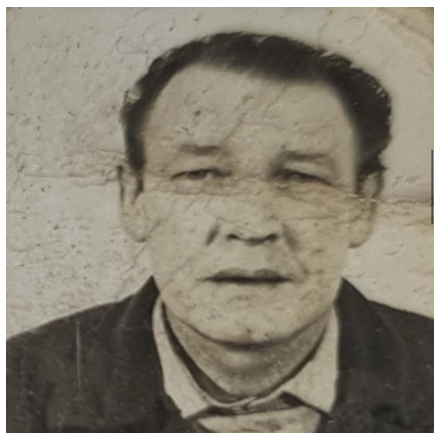
Love

Joy (Bingham)

DANIEL (DANNY) MCNEILL

CIVILIAN

6TH JUNE 1929 – 5TH JUNE 1976



Daniel McNeill (known as Danny) was born and raised in Belfast. He was married with 5 children, Lawrence, Janette, Margaret (Peggy), June and John.

He worked in the Harland and Wolf shipyard most of his life until he had an accident at work which meant he had to retrain and find work elsewhere. He was then working for an American company but had been laid off although he was due to start work again but unfortunately on 5th June 1976 he was murdered in a UVF gun attack in the Chlorane Bar in Gresham Street in the Smithfield area of Belfast.

During any spare time or time off work he would help his brother with his painting and decorating business.

Danny was 47 years old and was from Percy Street in the Shankhill Road District.

CIVILIAN ANNE MAGUIRE

JOANNE, JOHN & ANDREW MAGUIRE



Anne Maguire, a 35-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, who was married with 6 children had 3 of her children tragically killed 4 years earlier.

The Maguires were from Ladybrook Crescent, Finaghy Road North. All 3 children were killed in what was described as one of the most tragic and horrific incidents of the entire Troubles. A car that was being driven by a member of the Provisional IRA mounted the pavement and crushed the children. Joanne (8-years-old) and Andrew Maguire (6-weeks-old) were killed instantly on 10th August 1976. Their brother John (aged 2 years) died the following day.

In the incident Anne suffered 2 broken legs and a broken pelvis and had been unconscious for 2 weeks. Anne never recovered psychologically from the loss of her children. Horrifically Anne cut her wrists with an electric carving knife after 3 previous attempts to take her life. One of her children found her dying as he returned home from school and found an unfinished note saying: "forgive me - I love you".

On 21st January 1980 Anne, the children's mother, was very seriously injured and despite her physical recovery, she took her own life. The children's deaths resulted in the formation of the Peace People movement which was led by 2 Belfast women, Mairead Corrigan, the children's aunt, and a local woman, Betty Williams.

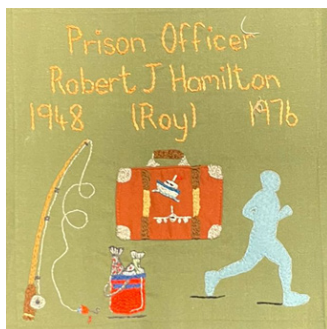
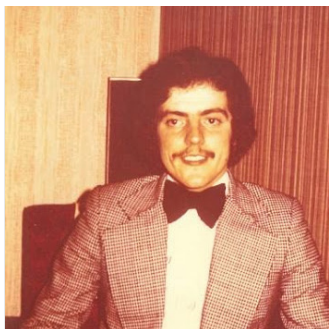
Anne is buried at Milltown Cemetery, Belfast alongside her 3 children.

The driver, Danny Lennon (a Provisional IRA member) also died in the incident after having been shot by the army.

PRISON OFFICER ROBERT JOHN (ROY) HAMILTON

HMP MAGILLIGAN

11TH MAY 1948 – 8TH OCTOBER 1976



Prison Officer Robert John (Roy) Hamilton was born in 1948 he left school and got a job at the BSR factory in Londonderry, while he worked there he befriended a young deaf lad and learned sign language so that he could communicate with him. Roy had several other jobs after but joined the Northern Ireland Prison Service in March 1975 and served for just over a year until his death on 8th October 1976.

He was serving as an Officer in Magilligan prison. Mr Hamilton was attacked and shot by the Provisional IRA as he got out of his car at his home in Governor Road, Londonderry. He was unmarried and lived with his mother and sister.

Roy was a keen photographer, he in fact would often take photographs of the devastation caused by the numerous bombings in Londonderry. This was before he joined the Prison Service, he was also into keep fit lessons and motoring. Roy also enjoyed fishing and travelling and would often take off in his car and travel by ferry or plane to England or elsewhere.

Roy's father retired in 1976 but never got to enjoy his retirement as he passed away in 1977, he never recovered from the shock of his young son's murder. His mother on the other hand lived to 10 weeks short of her 100th birthday but every day of her life since 8th October 1976 she asked 'Why? Why would it be that her youngest child's life should be brought to such a brutal end at the young age of 28'. She never got the answer.

YVONNE DUNLOP

CIVILIAN

23RD JULY 1949 – 9TH OCTOBER 1976



Yvonne was 26 years old and married with 3 young boys. She worked in her father's clothes shop – Alley Katz in Bridge Street, Ballymena.

Yvonne loved fashion and style which is why she worked in her father's boutique which sold ladies fashion. Amongst her other interests were her pets, cats and dogs and her family.

On 9th October 1976 Yvonne was checking a shopping bag which had been left by two women when a firebomb started. When she seen what it was she shouted to her 9-year-old son to warn him and he was able to escape but she could not get out and was burnt to death.

One of the 1981 hunger strikers who took his own life had been sentenced for Yvonne's killing.

GRAEME DOUGAN

CIVILIAN

SEPTEMBER 1975 – 1ST JANUARY 1977



Tragically Baby Graeme Dougan died on New Year's Day 1977 as the result of a Provisional IRA bomb.

Graeme was a 15-month-old baby from Harman Park, Glengormley, from a Protestant community background. Graeme was murdered when a 100lb Provisional IRA bomb exploded in Harmin Park, Glengormley.

The bomb had been reported to police and they were trying to clear Harmin Park and while the Dougan family were attempting to leave the area the bomb exploded. Baby Graeme was in his mother's arms sitting in the passenger seat of their car. He was hit with debris and he died of his injuries.

In 1978 two men were convicted of manslaughter of the infant and sentenced to sixteen years and another man was also convicted of manslaughter and a number of other murders, and was given a life sentence. A teenager was sent to training college for his part in assisting the bombers.

All death is tragic in the context of 'The Troubles' but the death of a baby is particularly heinous.

CORPORAL JAMES (JIMMY) MCFALL

SERVICE NUMBER: 23231537

27TH MARCH 1937 – 27TH JULY 1977



Corporal James (Jimmy) McFall was a part time member of the 10th Battalion Ulster Defence Regiment based in Belfast; he was also a full time post man with Royal Mail.

Jimmy had 5 children aged from 11 - 16 years at the time of his murder. Along with his wife Muriel, two of his children, Ann and Jim witnessed his murder on that awful day.

At 8.30am two Provisional IRA 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.

Jimmy was understood as a good man; he was brought up to respect everyone, regardless of their religion. He 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.

An animal lover, Jimmy was very fond of the family pets, a Cocker Spaniel called Dash and a cat called Smokie. When he was a child Jimmy would regularly rescue stray and injured animals.

The McFall family feel very 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 their hero.

LA MON MASSACRE

17TH FEBRUARY 1978



La Mon was one of the most heinous crimes against humanity carried out by Provisional IRA terrorists over the course of 'the Troubles.'

Twelve innocents perished when burnt to death in a savage and barbaric act of premeditated terror.

That evening in the La Mon Hotel, the two main adjoining function rooms, the Peacock Room and Gransha Room, were packed with people of all ages attending dinner dances.

Including the hotel guests and staff, there was a total of 450 people inside the building. The diners had just finished their first course when the bomb detonated, shattering the window outside of which it was attached and vaporising the canisters.

The explosion created an instantaneous and devastating fireball of blazing petrol, 40 feet high and 60 feet wide, which engulfed the Peacock Room.

Twelve people were murdered, having been virtually burnt alive, and some 30 others were injured, many critically. Some of the wounded lost limbs, but for the most part received severe burns. One badly burnt survivor described the inferno inside the restaurant as "like a scene from hell", whilst another who lost her daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law, Ian McCracken, said the blast was "like the sun had exploded in front of my eyes".

There was further pandemonium after the lights had gone out and choking

black smoke filled the room. The survivors, with their hair and clothing on fire, rushed to escape the burning room. It took firemen almost two hours to put out the blaze.

Those murdered were all Protestant civilians. Half were young married couples. Most of the dead and injured were members of the Irish Collie Club and the Northern Ireland Junior Motor Cycle Club, holding their yearly dinner dances in the Peacock Room and Gransha Room, respectively. The former took the full force of the explosion and subsequent fire; many of those who died had been seated nearest the window where the bomb had gone off. Some of the injured were still receiving treatment over 20 years later.

The device was a small blast bomb attached to four large petrol canisters, each filled with a home-made napalm-like substance of petrol and sugar. This was designed to stick to whatever it hit, a combination which caused severe burn injuries.

Some of the bodies had shrunk so much in the intense heat, it was first believed that there were children among the victims. One doctor who saw the remains described them as being like “charred logs of wood”.

According to a published account by retired RUC Detective Superintendent Kevin Benedict Sheehy (who was formerly associated with Innocent Victims United) this type of device had already been used by the Provisional IRA in more than one hundred attacks on commercial buildings before the La Mon attack.

Those murdered were:

Thomas Neeson (41)

Sarah Wilson Cooper (62)

Sandra Morris (27)

Ian McCracken (25)

Elizabeth McCracken (25)

Daniel Magill (37)

Carol Mills (26)

Gordon Crothers (30)

Joan Crothers (26)

Paul Nelson (37)

Dorothy Nelson (34)

Christine Lockhart (33)

SARAH COOPER & THOMAS NEESON

CIVILIANS

SARAH COOPER - 1915 – 17TH FEBRUARY 1978

THOMAS NEESON 1936 – 17TH FEBRUARY 1978



(SARAH IS NEAREST THE CAMERA WITH THOMAS AS THE GROOM)

Sarah and Thomas were two of twelve innocent victims to be murdered as a consequence of the fire bomb attack upon the La Mon hotel. Sarah was Thomas' mother-in-law.

Those gathered were attending a social function organized by the Irish Collie Club, and were dog lovers and enthusiasts.

Thomas was aged 41 years, married with 3 children and was a car salesman was from Mourneview Crescent, Lisburn.

Meanwhile Sarah was aged 62 years married with children and was from Glenbryn Drive, North Belfast.

Both victims were from a Protestant community background, alike the other 10 innocent victims.

The Provisional IRA left a large incendiary bomb, containing a napalm-like substance, outside one of the restaurant's windows. There were 450 diners, hotel staff and guests inside the building.

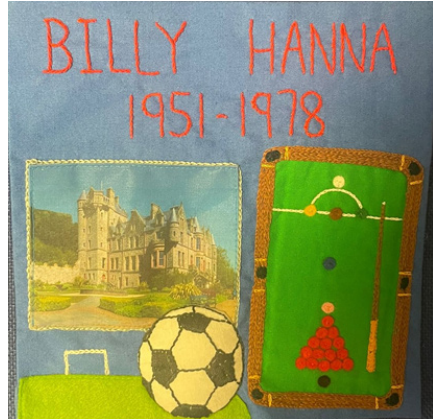
The Provisional IRA claimed that they tried to send a warning from a public telephone, but were unable to do so until nine minutes before the bomb detonated.

The blast created a fireball, murdering 12 people and injuring 30 more, many of whom were severely burnt. Many of the injured were treated in the Ulster Hospital in nearby Dundonald.

BILLY HANNA

CIVILIAN

12TH OCTOBER 1951 – 21ST JUNE 1978



William Billy Hanna was born in Belfast in 1951 to Bob & Sadie Hanna. He came from a family of ten, five sisters & four brothers. Bill was the fourth youngest and was sadly killed on 21st June 1978, he was an innocent bystander in an incident involving the killings of Provisional IRA members by the SAS who were attempting to bomb the Ballysillan post depot.

Billy went to Scotland when he was seventeen where he went into hotel management. He returned home to look after his mother during the conflict as she then lived by herself.

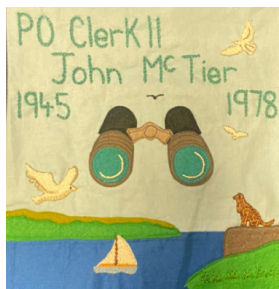
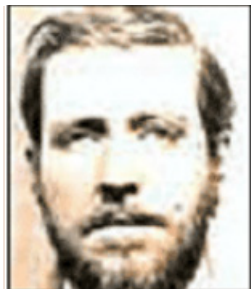
Aside from looking after his mother Billy enjoyed playing snooker and watching all sport on TV.

Billy is still sadly missed by his family.

CLERK II JOHN MURDIE MCTIER

PRISON OFFICER, HMP CRUMLIN ROAD

15TH JULY 1945 – 14TH DECEMBER 1978



John McTier joined the Northern Ireland Prison Service in October 1974 and served for over 4 years until his death on 14 December 1978. Prior to his death, he served as a Clerk in Belfast Prison.

John was driving home from the prison accompanied by two colleagues when a number of shots were fired by the Provisional IRA from a passing car. Both his passengers survived the attack but Mr McTier died three days later from his wounds. He was survived by his wife and three small children.

Amongst John's interests were playing golf, he loved all animals but had a particular interest in ornithology and was a keen bird watcher. He also loved sailing and would sail at Strangford lough with his family.

His family have asked us to include the poem below:

There was a man who worked hard to provide for all his loved ones.
Because of his kindness, his compassion, his good humour, he was
unique.

Now he lies in the cold earth, shot in the head by gunmen.

Oh stupid stupid country, shooting the flower of your manhood.

THIS INNOCENT MAN WITH NO BLOOD ON HIS HANDS IS DEAD.

What a terrible waste,

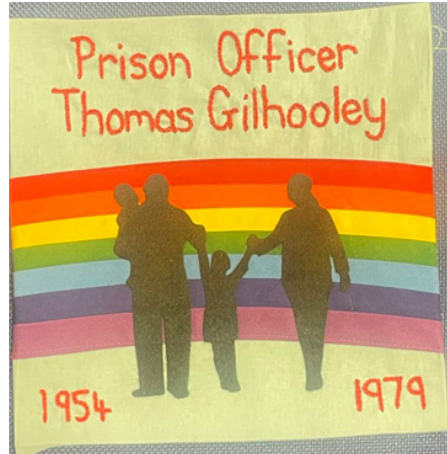
I know not of right or wrong. To me there are no sides. Just the innocent
and the guilty.

My thoughts are of that Husband, Friend, Father and of his loving
mother's grief.

PRISON OFFICER THOMAS GILHOOLEY

PRISON OFFICER, HMP CRUMLIN ROAD

1954 – 5TH NOVEMBER 1979



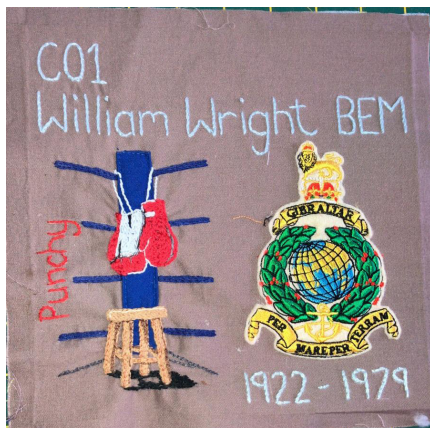
Thomas Gilhooley was 25 years of age and was married with two young children aged 4 years and 10 months old. Thomas had been a prison officer for 2 years prior to his murder, he was a Scotsman who had served in Northern Ireland with the regular army, he stayed on as he met and married a local woman. Thomas was from Carnmoney on the Northern outskirts of Belfast.

On 5th November 1979 Thomas had left his work at Crumlin Road jail and was travelling home in his car when he stopped at a junction and was waiting on a break in the traffic when a Provisional IRA gunman fired shots from the footpath.

CHIEF OFFICER I WILLIAM (PUNCHY) WRIGHT BEM

PRISON OFFICER, HMP CRUMLIN ROAD

13TH MAY 1922 – 3RD DECEMBER 1979



William Wright BEM was 58 years old, he was married and a father with three sons.

William was a Colour Sergeant in the Royal Marine's during the Second World War. He joined the Northern Ireland Prison Service in February 1947 and served for over 32 years until his death.

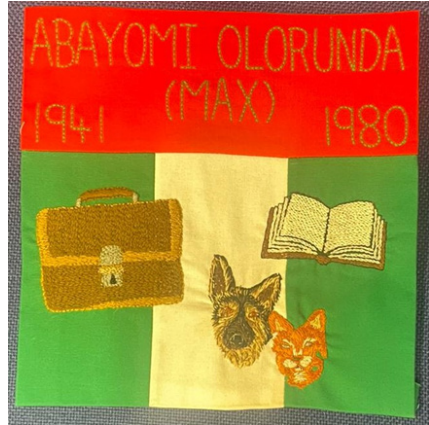
Amongst William's interests were amateur boxing, he was quite a successful boxer and was involved in the setting up of a number of boxing clubs over the years.

William served in various prisons during his time in the Prison Service but at the time of his murder he was serving in Crumlin Road in Belfast. On 3rd December 1979 William was off duty and was shot 6 times in the back as he opened his garage door when he arrived home from work to his house off the Ballygomartin Road.

ABAYOMI (MAX) OLORUNDA

CIVILIAN

27TH JULY 1941 – 17TH JANUARY 1980



Max Olorunda was an accountant; at the time of his death he was completing his chartered accountancy qualification. His dream was to have his name above the door of his very own practice and he was close to achieving this.

Max was from Lagos, Nigeria and came to the UK to study at Newcastle University. On graduating he took up a post in Belfast.

Max loved Northern Ireland and had many friends. He met Gabrielle who was originally from Strabane, they later married and went on to have three daughters.

Max was a lover of animals, he was an armchair philosopher and condemned violence of any kind, he was a man of peace.

On 17th January 1980 Max was travelling home from an audit, he was on the train when two Provisional IRA members boarded his carriage. The men had a bomb which detonated prematurely and as a consequence Max lost his life. Another civilian Mark Cochrane (also died) as well as one of the terrorists.

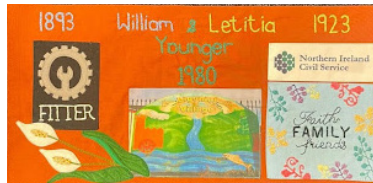
There was nothing left of Max and his family have an empty grave, this is why the Memorial Quilt is so important.

WILLIAM AND LETITIA YOUNGER

CIVILIANS

WILLIAM 1893 – 15TH AUGUST 1980

LETITIA 1923 – 15TH AUGUST 1980



William was an 87-year-old civilian who was widower with two children and a retired fitter. His daughter Letitia was a 50-year-old civilian, single and a civil servant. They were both from a Protestant community background.

They were father and daughter and were found dead in their Wolfhill Avenue home in the Ligoniel area of Belfast. It was believed that William was beaten and shot as he was sleeping. Letitia was stabbed with a garden pitchfork which pinned her to the floor. She was also shot in the head and chest.

The inquest into the double murder was told by police that there was no apparent motive for the killing. A neighbour said that around 2:00am he heard noises and went to investigate; He said: "I went to the letterbox and called her name. The door pushed open and I went upstairs. I heard this terrible heavy breathing from Miss Younger's room so I went in and found her with a pitchfork stuck to the back of her neck". She was taken to the Mater Hospital where she later died.

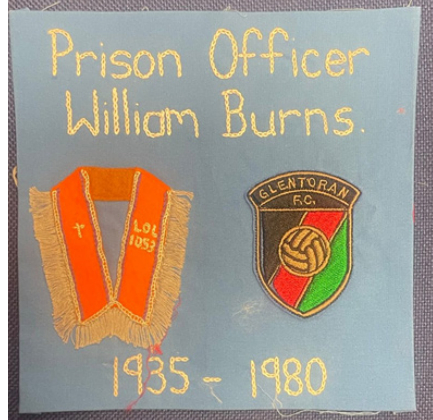
This was a particularly heinous murder of two vulnerable and innocent people.

It remains unresolved whether republicans or loyalists perpetrated this heinous double murder.

PRISON OFFICER WILLIAM CECIL BURNS

PRISON OFFICER, CRUMLIN ROAD

8TH NOVEMBER 1935 – 30TH DECEMBER 1980



William was born in Belfast, he was an only child although he had a twin but unfortunately the infant died at birth, he was raised by his grandparents. At the time of his death he was 45 years old and married with four children (Glen, Ingrid, Katherine and Trevor). He was a member of the Northern Ireland Prison Service from February 1978 until his murder on 30th December 1980.

He was shot outside his house in Knocknagoney Park, Belfast as he was preparing to leave for work at HMP Crumlin Road.

Reportedly Downtown Radio had received a telephone call from the Loyalist Prisoner's Action Force, believed to be a cover name for the UVF with the caller saying that Mr Burns' killing was "in retaliation for maltreatment of Loyalist prisoners."

William was a member of The Orange Order and served as the Worshipful Master of Ballymacarrett Lodge. 15 minutes after William was shot and murdered, another prison officer was shot and wounded at Castle street.

William was a keen fan of Glentoran Football Club and would regularly attend matches.

RESERVE CONSTABLE LINDSAY GARDINER MCDOUGALL

SERVICE NUMBER: R1977

24TH NOVEMBER 1944 – 14TH JANUARY 1981



Lindsay was a civil servant and a part-time member of the RUC Reserve based at Musgrave Street station in Belfast City Centre. He married young and when he died aged 36 he left his wife and three sons aged 17, 15 and 12 years.

Lindsay was patrolling Great Victoria Street in Belfast City Centre when he was shot in the back of the head by terrorists on 9th January 1981. He was taken to Belfast City Hospital and operated on by neurosurgeons from the Royal Victoria Hospital, then transferred to intensive care in RVH. Lindsay had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and throughout his time on life support he always had someone sitting by his side – either a family member or the Minister or Elders from his church.

Lindsay was always in a critical state and the family were left in no doubt that he was likely to die. After a few days in ICU the family were reminded that Lindsay carried a donor card and permission was given to use his organs for transplantation. He died 6 days after being shot. These precious days allowed time for his family and friends to say goodbye.

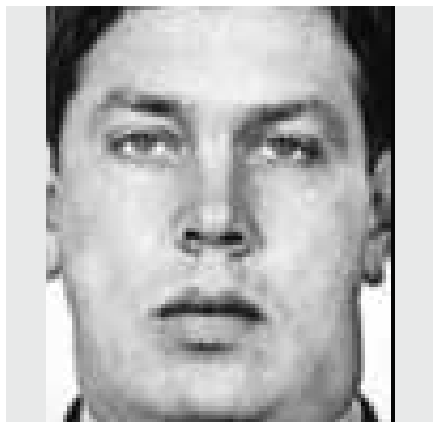
Lindsay was an Elder in Mountpottinger Presbyterian Church, the Church Treasurer and a Boys Brigade Officer in the Junior Section. He was a keen sportsman and was still playing both rugby and cricket until he died, despite the best advice of his wife and teasing from his sons that he was too old! His regular reserve shift was on Friday night until the early hours but this never stopped him from taking the Junior Section boys for football matches on Saturday mornings, often followed by playing rugby in the afternoon.

Lindsay was a happy, fun loving person, notoriously easy going and chilled – he once fell asleep in the dentist chair! He had a weakness for buying British cars (always rusty) much to the embarrassment of his sons for school drop offs. The worse example was a mini that cost £4 from a ‘friend’ in the cricket club. He loved the church and BB but he lived for his family and not a day goes by when his wife and 3 boys don’t miss him.

CONSTABLE GARY MARTIN

SERVICE NUMBER: 13004

6TH OCTOBER 1952 – 27TH APRIL 1981



Gary Martin was 28 years old and married with 2 young sons.

Gary was a Constable in the RUC when a bomb exploded in a lorry that had been abandoned and was obstructing the thoroughfare near the junction of Glen Road and Shaw's Road in Andersonstown, Belfast.

Gary and his colleagues diverted traffic from the area before inspecting and moving the lorry. An inspector had checked the cab but didn't find anything. He then volunteered to drive it away and as he was getting into the lorry he put his hand on the seat and the lorry exploded. A mercury-tilt switch had been placed under the seat which detonated the bomb.

Gary has 2 sisters and 1 brother still living at the time of this book being printed. His mother is also alive and will celebrate her 90th birthday at the end of April (2023).

In early childhood and into adulthood Gary had a keen interest in horses, he was also very practical, good with his hands and in particular an excellent cabinet maker. He owned an Opal Manta GTE at the time of his murder.

Cecil Haire (of Maguiresbridge originally) was a colleague of Gary's and was caught up in the incident and sustained injuries, both physical and psychological

CONSTABLE PHILIP CHARLES ELLIS

SERVSERVICE NUMBER: PC14446

1ST AUGUST 1947 – 6TH MAY 1981



Philip married and became a father at 19 years of age firstly to son Andrew and then two years later a second son Wayne completed their family.

Philip was a dedicated member of Her Majesty's Armed Forces. He was deployed to various Artillery bases across the UK. Colchester, Germany and York. Philip served in the Province under Op Banner during 'The Troubles'.

Amongst other interests Philip was a committed and passionate member of the sport of Tug of War during his Military Service. In 1978 he transferred to Military Corrective Training Centre (M.C.T.C.) The Military Provost Staff (MPSC) are the Army's specialists in custody and detention, providing advice inspection and surety within custodial establishments. Which then opened the pathway to his next career move.

Unfortunately, Philip and his wife drifted apart, and their marriage came to an end. In 1979 he moved to Northern Ireland to join the RUC. He remarried there, his second wife unknown to his biological children.

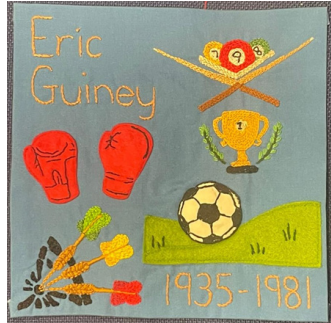
All his dreams were taken away from him on 6th May 1981 whilst out on the peace line.

ERIC & DESMOND GUINEY

CIVILIANS

ERIC GUINEY 8TH AUGUST 1935 – 13TH MAY 1981

DESMOND GUINEY 9TH APRIL 1967 – 8TH MAY 1981



Eric Guiney and his son Desmond tragically died after they were attacked by a group of Republicans.

Eric was 45-years-old, he was married with four children, two sons and two daughters, he was from Old Irish Highway, Rathcoole. Eric died on 13th May 1981 from the injuries he received on 5th May when a mob attacked his milk lorry during rioting after the death of Bobby Sands. Eric had been in the army before he got married he enjoyed boxing along with other sports such as football, snooker and darts.

He and his 14-year-old son Desmond were set upon as they travelled in their milk lorry, the stones and other masonry thrown struck father and son and caused Eric to lose control and crash. Desmond, died on 8th May from

the injuries he received. He was not in school that day because of the May Day holiday.

He loved horses and his greatest ambition was to become a jockey. Because of this ambition, two children on horseback led his funeral.

Eric was buried in the same grave as his son.

A Church of Ireland minister said at Eric's funeral: "We have come to express our deep sympathy and sorrow for Mrs Guiney and her family. To lose a husband and a son within a matter of days, in such a dreadful way, hardly bears thinking about, and she and her children deserve all the help we can give them".

This was a particularly shocking attack and caused revulsion across the community.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOHN EAGLESON

SERVICE NUMBER: R4129

24TH AUGUST 1933 - 1ST OCTOBER 1982



John Eagleson was a devoted family man and husband who put his family first and foremost. Being from the country and the farming community he always had time for his neighbours and was often out at evenings helping whoever needed assistance.

John was also a dedicated member of the security forces, having served from a teenager in the USC, UDR and then the RUCR. Always ready and prepared to go out on duty when needed, protecting all members of the community from all sources of terrorism. This he did with pride and was always able to protect his family from the dangers he met, keeping his home life as normal as it could be during the height of the 'Troubles'.

John was a keen shooter and was involved in his local rifle club. He also represented 6UDR shooting team at the annual 'skills at arms' competition at Bisley, England. He was a keen farmer part time as he also had a full time job and worked part time in the security forces.

John was murdered on his way to his civilian employment at Blue Circle cement where he was a lorry driver. He was travelling on his motorcycle and was ambushed by Provisional IRA terrorists on a quiet country road around 6.30am and was shot in the back. No one has ever been brought to justice for his murder.

The patch represents his love of shooting, farming and family all of which he held dear.

SERGEANT ERIC BROWN

SERVICE NUMBER: 12576

23RD FEBRUARY 1942 – 6TH JANUARY 1983



Eric Brown was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle and a dear friend to many. His life revolved around his family, church and work. He was married with three children and lived in Moira.

Eric was illiterate most of his life but learnt to read in his later years in order to pursue his ambition of joining the RUC. At the time of his murder he was studying to do his Inspector's exam and to be a lay reader in his Church.

He was a committed community man which seen him running discos in the church hall and being MC at harvest festivals and other events, his sense of humour made these events memorable. He also loved to help out at the local Wells family farm.

Sergeant Brown along with Constable Brian Quinn were both shot by the Provisional IRA in the town of Rostrevor on 6th January 1983. Both police officers were members of a divisional mobile support unit that was guarding a post office in the town.

Unfortunately Eric missed a lot of life events including being a grandfather to 3 boys and 2 girls and also a great grandfather. He is loved and missed every day.

CONSTABLE BRIAN QUINN

SERVICE NUMBER: R9982

6TH MARCH 1959 – 6TH JANUARY 1983



Brian was 23 years old and was the eldest child in a family of 3, he had a younger brother and sister.

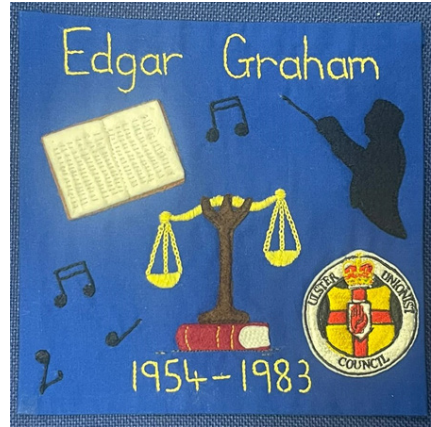
Brian worked for an Estate Agent but decided to join the RUC following in his younger brother's footsteps. He was a full time Reserve RUC Officer from Bangor. His main interests were his Red Volkswagen Beetle, he also loved motorbikes and enjoyed Country music, one of his favourite artists being Johnny Cash.

Constable Quinn was murdered alongside his colleague Sergeant Eric Brown were both shot by the Provisional IRA in the town of Rostrevor. Both police officers were members of a divisional mobile support unit that was guarding a post office in the town.

EDGAR SAMUEL DAVID GRAHAM

CIVILIAN

24TH FEBRUARY 1954 - 7TH DECEMBER 1983



Edgar Samuel David Graham, MPA, BL was an Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) politician and senior Law Lecturer at Queens University, Belfast.

In mid-morning on 7th December 1983, while chatting to UUP party and Queen's colleague Dermot Nesbitt at the University Square side of the main campus library, he was shot in the head a number of times by a Provisional IRA gunman and died almost instantly. He was 29 years old. Two persons were later convicted of withholding evidence from the police, but no one was ever convicted for his murder.

He was perceived as a rising star of both legal studies and Unionism until he was murdered by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).

A graduate of the Queen's University of Belfast in 1976 and working on a Doctorate for the University of Oxford, Edgar Graham was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland. He became a member of the Queen's University Belfast law faculty (from 1979), lecturing in public law, and was a law faculty colleague of David Trimble. A former Chairman of the Ulster Young Unionist Council, Edgar was widely seen as a possible future leader of the UUP.

A member of the Ulster Unionist Party since joining the Ballymena branch at the age of 14 he progressed through the party. Contrary to some statements he was never a member of Vanguard. As Leader of the Young Unionists he revived that part of the Party and was quickly seen as representing a new enlightened brand of Unionism.

He continued this into the senior party. In 1982 he addressed the Conservative Party Conference on the subject of Northern Ireland and was singled out as a leader of the future.

This led to international invitations such as to Harvard Summer School for leading young lawyers.

Edgar Graham was elected a member of the 1982 Northern Ireland Assembly for South Belfast.

Former Provisional IRA member turned police informer Sean O'Callaghan in his book *The Informer* suggested that the Provisional IRA murdered him because he was regarded by a journalist as "potentially the most effective political opponent facing Sinn Féin that the Ulster Unionists had yet produced" and likely to become the party leader.

MARY TRAVERS

CIVILIAN

26TH FEBRUARY 1961 – 8TH APRIL 1984



Mary Travers was called home to God suddenly as she walked home from mass on 8th April 1984 when a Provisional IRA gunman took her life and attempted to take her mother's life while another gunman shot her Dad, Tom, six times, he survived.

Mary was born on 26th February 1961 and was viewed by her family and friends as being great fun, she was the second eldest in a family of 6 children and for 8 years was the only girl in a household of boys until her youngest sibling Ann came along. Mary had always wanted a sister and her Mum and Dad were delighted when at last she had one.

Her imagination was fantastic and as the family grew up Mary was central to making up games such as 'cooking' in the dark, dressing her brothers and sisters up, playing school and on a Sunday after mass the coffee table would become an altar, digestive biscuits holy communion and we would play 'Mass'.

Mary was incredibly talented and gifted in so many ways but most fascinating of all was her musical ear, she was a proficient player of the concert harp and piano. She was a member of the Ulster Youth Orchestra.

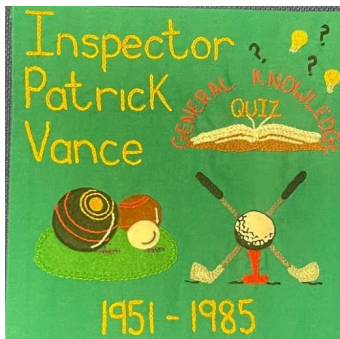
Mary was a kind, thoughtful, funny, considerate, private, intelligent and gifted sister and daughter. She is missed every day by those who had the privilege of knowing her best. The family are certain that she will be bringing as much joy in heaven as she did on earth.

Mary is remembered with a patch which appropriately contains an image of the concert harp.

INSPECTOR PATRICK MARTIN VANCE

SERVICE NUMBER: 10439

5TH DECEMBER 1951 – 31ST AUGUST 1985



Martin was 33-years-old, married with three children and was an Inspector within the RUC GC. He was from a Roman Catholic background.

He arrived at his home on Rocks Chapel Road, Crossgar having travelled from the Downpatrick Golf Club around 1:00am when he was shot by the Provisional IRA.

When Martin was shot, his family was inside the house. Because their telephone was out of order, his wife had to run a quarter of a mile to raise the alarm. Martin and his family moved to Downpatrick a year earlier because he was concerned for his family's safety.

Martin's funeral took place in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Downpatrick. Senior RUC officers were in attendance, as was the RUC Band.

The Down District Council decided to adjourn as a mark of respect during the funeral.

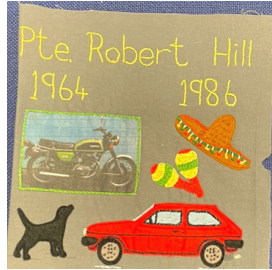
Shamefully two Sinn Fein councillors objected to the decision and Sinn Fein representatives said: "We feel if the council is going to do this sort of thing then they should do it for all those who have lost their lives due to British occupation, and not just a select few".

Amongst Martin's interests were general knowledge quizzes, indoor bowling and he also enjoyed golf.

PRIVATE ROBERT HILL

SERVICE NUMBER: 24635722

19TH MARCH 1964 – 1ST JULY 1986



Robert was born in 1964 and was the youngest of 4 siblings, John, Elizabeth, Pauline and Robert. There was a year between each sibling and so they were very close growing up and done most things together where they grew up on a small farm just outside Drumaness Village, Ballynahinch. Robert attended Drumaness Primary School, Spa Primary School and Beechlawn High School.

Robert went on to work at Pinewick Furniture Factory in Ballynahinch, he also served in the 3rd Battalion UDR, Ballykinler.

Robert had many hobbies and interests, he played for 3rd Saintfield Hockey Team, he had also joined the UDR football team in Ballykinler and was planning on playing his first match on Wednesday 2nd July 1986 but it never happened as he was murdered the previous day.

Robert was in Sons of Ulster Accordion Band, he was a member of Cahard, Ballymaglave lodges and the Apprentice Boys Ballynahinch branch. He had an interest in motorbikes and had one of his own, he also liked cars and loved his Ford Fiesta.

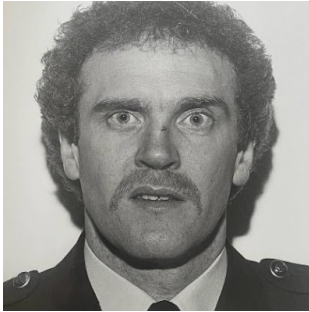
He enjoyed his holidays abroad particularly to Spain - Arenal and Torremolinos. Robert loved animals which wasn't surprising as he had been reared on a farm but his biggest interest of all was in the UDR.

Robert was murdered on 1st July 1986, it was early on a Tuesday morning when he was on his way to his civilian job, it happened outside his house in Drumaness. He was killed when an under car booby trap bomb exploded from beneath his red Ford Fiesta, he had just come off duty. He was targeted because he was a part time serving member of the UDR.

RESERVE CONSTABLE FREDERICK VERNER ARMSTRONG

SERVICE NUMBER: R10688

4TH FEBRUARY 1947 – 11TH APRIL 1987



Frederick Verner Armstrong also known as Fred or Freddie and was born in 1947. He was from Belfast originally but in later years moved to Coleraine where he set up home. Fred was educated at Dunlambert School in North Belfast following this he began what would be a successful career in the drapery business following in his father's footsteps who was also a tailor. He was appointed as a manager in the John Temple chain's Coleraine branch and in 1976 joined the long established local firm Tweedy Acheson as a Director.

Shortly after moving from Belfast to the North Coast Fred married Brenda and together they had three children, Nicola, Natalie and Jonathan, he was a devoted husband and father. He also looked after his own parents who moved to Portstewart on retirement.

Fred was a keen and accomplished sportsman, he was a founder member of the squash section of Coleraine Rugby Club and excelled at the game securing a place on the first team for years. He also enjoyed football and long distance running taking part in many marathons and fun runs.

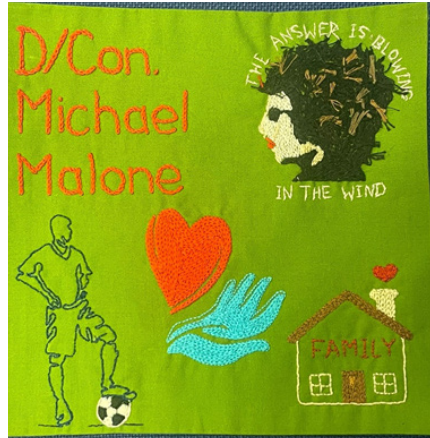
In September 1981 Fred joined the RUC reserves, he got great satisfaction out of his weekend police work in Coleraine and Portrush.

On 11th April 1987 Reserve Constable Fred Armstrong and Reserve Constable Robert McClean were on patrol and walking past an amusement arcade in Portrush at midnight when they were ambushed and shot in the back by two Provisional IRA gunmen.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE MICHAEL MALONE

SERVICE NUMBER: 010604

9TH SEPTEMBER 1951 – 26TH AUGUST 1987



Michael was married with 2 children John (then aged 5 years 8 months) & Sarah (then aged 3 years 1 month). He was a Detective Constable within the RUC Special Branch, he was studying for the Sergeant's exam in the months before his murder. Michael was attached to the Portal Unit. The officers covered both the Belfast City Airport (now The George Best City Airport) and the area at Belfast Docks, where the Liverpool Boat used to dock.

Michael's absolute main interest was the welfare of his family and children. He spent every waking moment, that he could, with them. Doing the requisite shifts meant he often had to miss his children's bedtime. His solution was to waken them, for a chat and another bedtime story, when he got back home from a late shift.

Michael had been an avid collector of all things to do with Bob Dylan since the late 60s - albums, books and articles in print and on film. He attended concerts when possible and enjoyed live concerts of other artists also. He just loved what would now be called live gigs.

He and 2 of his 3 brothers were football fans and often gathered together to watch matches of what was then called the Football League First Division Clubs - later to be called the FA Premier League.

Michael was a philanthropist, sometimes to the detriment of his own comfort. He gave a lot of money to various charities and quietly & anonymously did charitable acts in and around Belfast, with schools and suchlike. These things are illustrated in the patch on the Eastern Region Quilt.

On 26th August 1987 Michael had been on duty at the City Airport until 8.30pm and was due to join colleagues for the night sailing of the Liverpool Boat. He received a call from his Sergeant, telling him that there might be a problem with the sailing and asking him to join him and the other colleague at the Liverpool Bar - just across from the dock area. They had been watching The Rose of Tralee on the TV in the bar, when gunmen burst in and shot both Michael & his colleague. Their Sergeant had escaped to the Gents. The terrorists then went outside to reload under the street lights. They then returned and fired again as Michael & his colleague lay on the floor. They died at the scene. None of the three Police Officers were armed.

PRIVATE WILLIAM JOHN MORELAND

SERVICE NUMBER: 24205099

5TH AUGUST 1951 – 16TH DECEMBER 1988



John was born on 5th August 1951 to parents Jack and May Moreland. He had 6 sisters and 1 brother. He attended Clough Primary School and Castlewellan High School. After leaving school he went on to become a painter and decorator. He enjoyed sport especially cricket and football and played in the local cricket team in Dundrum.

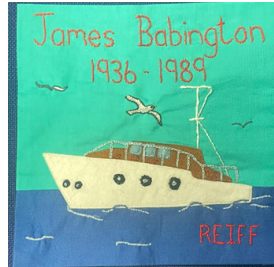
John played in Clough Accordion Band for many years and during this time also joined Clough's Orange, Black and Apprentice Boy Lodges.

John got married and had two children, Julie and David. He eventually set up his own business as a coalman and unfortunately it was while he was out delivering coal in Downpatrick on 16th December 1988 that he was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

JAMES HENRY BABINGTON

CIVILIAN

17TH NOVEMBER 1936 – 4TH OCTOBER 1989



James Henry Babington was known to most people who knew him as Henry, he was born on 17th November 1936 and was a son of Colonel Marcus Hill Babington DSO of Coolkeragh, Londonderry. James was a Laboratory Supervisor for Richardson's Fertiliser's in Belfast, he married Maura (nee White) originally from Glasgow in 1957 and they had three children, Finuala, Marcus and Jacqueline, James was a professional man who lived for his family.

Henry was a genius at most things mechanical and electrical. He acquired his boat the 'Reiff' when his children were small and they enjoyed many family holidays and trips to Scotland to see the Western Isles aboard her.

On 4th October 1989 Henry was shot by Provisional IRA gunmen as he walked to work on the Cavehill Road near his home. Henry's wife who was a Domestic Assistant in Belfast City Hospital heard on the radio that a man had been shot dead but did not realise it was her husband until she was called to a Sister's office at 1.30pm.

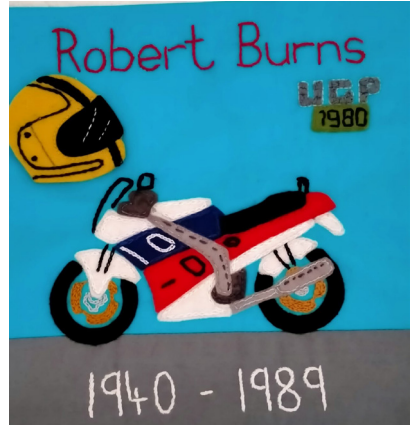
The family never got over Henry's death, Finuala (James' eldest child) passed away on 16th March 2017, she was laid to rest ironically on the same day as the terrorist Martin McGuinness.

As mentioned Henry's favourite pass time was being out on his boat the MV 'Reiff', he loved the boat and spending time on it with his family. After his death the family decided to scuttle the boat as they simply felt they could no longer use it without him there and so in December 1989, two months after his murder they took the Reiff for one last trip to sea but sadly on this occasion she did not return. The family felt that if Henry could no longer sail her then neither would anybody else.

ROBERT BURNS

CIVILIAN

31ST JANUARY 1940 - 6TH NOVEMBER 1989



Robert was a 49-year-old civilian married with 4 children and a self-employed tiler from Derriagh. He was a founding member of the Ulster Grand prix a friend of Joey's and crazy about motorbikes.

He is remembered by his family with his head under the bonnet of the car covered in oil and grease or tile adhesive.

His daughter Laura recalls, 'he always looked scruffy, but contented in his scruffiness. Totally unaware that he even was scruffy. Shaggy dark blond hair, with a glint of red, hanging just off the shoulders in little kinks. Looking like it hadn't been brushed in days. A hint of a few days' growth on his face, which had even more of a hint of his ginger genes.

A denim jacket, fleece lined to keep him warm, even though I thought he was made of steel because it was as if he never felt the cold. A woolen hat that made him look gnome like, especially when the wee ball bit on the end of his nose went bright red. His jeans caked in hardened tile adhesive, and anything else he'd wiped onto them. No wonder he wasn't allowed to sit on the good furniture.'

'He had his own chair in the house. A black leather Parker Knoll recliner chair. While it might have been initially because of him being banned from

the 'normal' chairs, his became the best seat in the house. We would all wait on him moving to leave for work, or to go outside to work at the car and, we'd all try to jump onto his seat before anyone else managed to get it.'

Apart from cars and work his only other interest was motorbikes and Formula 1. Anything that had an engine, but the bikes became a big thing. When the tourist board pulled out of Northern Ireland that meant the motorbike events like the Ulster grand prix were in danger of being lost. So, a group of local men got together including Robert, they formed the Ulster Grand Prix committee group and began to sell programmes and badges each year to fund the sport.

On 6th November 1989 Robert was speaking on the telephone in the hallway. As he was speaking, a hijacked taxi pulled up outside his home. Two men then got out of the car and saw Robert through the clear glass and shot him 5 times. Nurses who lived nearby tried to help him. The IPLO and the Catholic Reaction Force both claimed to be behind the attack. The IPLO had mistakenly said that Robert was a member of the security forces, he had just celebrated his silver wedding anniversary. Robert had been brought up a Protestant but converted to Catholicism. He is loved and missed every day by his family.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE JOHN (SPENCE) MCGARRY

SERVICE NUMBER: 11085

23RD OCTOBER 1944 – 6TH APRIL 1991



Spence was a 46-year-old Protestant, married with three children, two girls and a boy and was an RUC GC Detective Police Constable living in Limavady.

Spence was a very keen golf player, no matter what the weather – hail, rain or snow he would be out playing the sport. He also enjoyed football and supported Manchester United.

Being a community man Spence was very much involved in his Church in Limavady and he was known to be the type of person who would help anyone out no matter of their religion or politics.

Spence was originally from Ballycastle and he loved the town, this is where he was born and sadly it is also where he lost his life.

On 6th April 1991 Spence was murdered by a Provisional IRA bomb that had been placed beneath his car. He was visiting his 85-year-old mother in Ballycastle and parked his car in the same spot each week. His car was badly damaged and on fire. It rolled down the hill and hit another car causing it to burst into flames. The woman driver of that car escaped injury.

Spence was stationed in Londonderry. He had been in the RUC for 19 years.

In 1976, Spence and a colleague were caught in an ambush in Castledawson in which his colleague was shot dead. A Ballycastle man was jailed in July 1993 for life for the murder of Spence.

PRIVATE BRIAN MARCUS LAWRENCE

SERVICE NUMBER: 24585696

29TH MARCH 1957 – 17TH JUNE 1991



Brian was a quiet man who grew up in Hollywood, where as a young boy he joined the local ATC, based at Kinnegar, after gaining his pilots licence and rising into the ranks, he then trained the youths that followed behind him.

When time permitted he would love nothing more than being out on the open road on his motorbike, and stopping to take photographs which was another hobby he enjoyed.

Brian loved his job with the UDR and his comrades who became his friends still have memorials in honour of him and speak of him with great fondness.

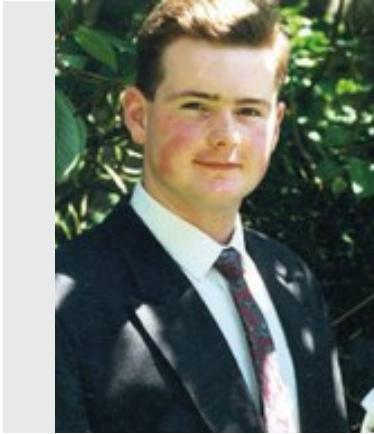
Brian was a family man and loved his home life with his wife Lorraine and adored their pet cats.

Family and friends were important to Brian and anyone lucky enough to know him would speak with love and kindness. He would do anything to help anybody and was a genuine kind and caring man.

CONSTABLE MICHAEL JOHN FERGUSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 18027

4TH FEBRUARY 1971 – 23RD JANUARY 1993



Michael John Ferguson was born on the 4th February 1971 in Belfast, he had one brother and one sister. Michael had joined the RUC in 1991 and had followed in the footsteps of his Father, Dan and his brother, Joe.

Michael was on duty in the City Centre of Londonderry on Saturday 23rd January 1993 when his vehicle was tasked to deal with the reports of a shoplifter at the Richmond Shopping Centre, Shipquay Street. Upon arrival Michael was standing outside providing cover for his colleagues.

At around 2.35pm a lone Provisional IRA gunman approached Michael from behind and shot him in the head once, Michael died a short time later.

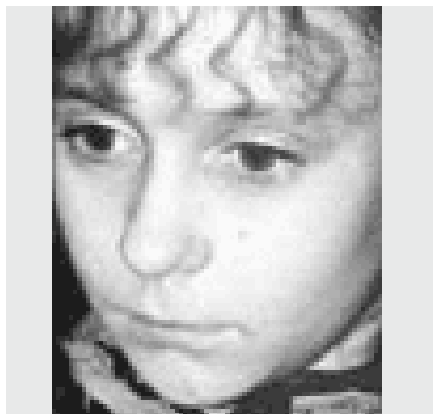
Michael had been a very keen sportsman and was involved in weight training and powerlifting. He had previously won several awards in powerlifting.

Michael was a single man at the time of his murder and had planned to buy his first house, he was just starting out in life.

LEANNE MURRAY

CIVILIAN

25TH SEPTEMBER 1980 – 23RD OCTOBER 1993



Leanne was one of nine people murdered in the Shankill bomb, an attack by Provisional IRA terrorists upon Frizzell's fish shop.

Leanne is remembered by her family as a lovely little girl who was very calm in life. She enjoyed her netball in school, coming home and as her brother Gary fondly recalls, arguing with him ... over little silly things about who would do the dishes for their mum or whose turn it was to do the housework.

Leanne was known as a very outgoing person who loved life. Her hair was very long and it took her hours to wash and brush it.

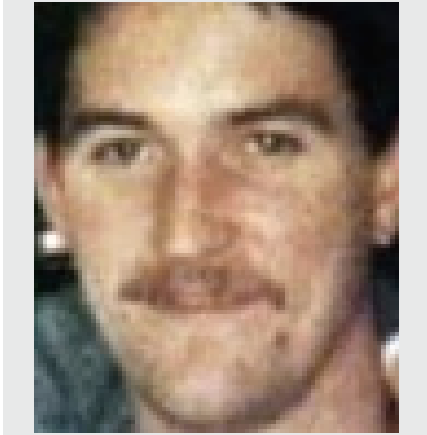
Leanne had been on a cross-community trip to America only six weeks before she died. On that trip she met another little girl called Roisin from Ligoniel who she became very friendly with. Roisin came down to the family home before the funeral.

Leanne went shopping with her mum on the Shankill every Saturday. When the bomb was detonated, Leanne died instantly; she had gone to buy whelks in the fish shop.

MARK RODGERS

CIVILIAN

14TH DECEMBER 1967 – 26TH OCTOBER 1993



Mark Rodgers (28), a father-of-two, was murdered at his workplace (The Council Depot at Kennedy Way on The Falls) alongside his colleague James Cameron; several others were injured in what was a frenzied sectarian motivated attack by the UFF (supposedly a retaliatory action for the Shankill bomb).

It was reported at the time Mr Cameron's wife worked at the Royal Victoria Hospital and had treated victims of the Shankill bomb.

Mark's son (also named Mark) has previously spoke at a SEFF Conference and at the 2020 European Victims Day event held in Stormont where he shared memories of his Dad which whilst limited due to his young age nevertheless are memories and reflections that have stayed with him in forming him into the man he is today.

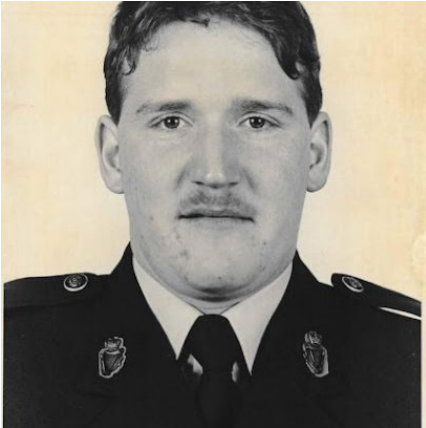
Mark is committed to his Christian faith and of doing what he can to build relationships across the community, something he believes is in keeping with what his father would have wanted.

Mark shares with his Dad a deep love for boxing and he currently fights as an Amateur Boxer.

CONSTABLE JOHN (JACKIE) HAGGAN

SERVICE NUMBER: 15426

27TH FEBRUARY 1961 – 10TH MARCH 1994



John Haggan (known as Jackie) was born in 1961, he lived in Newtownabbey, County Antrim and was married to Kim, they had three children Jason (aged 5), Terry (aged 3) and an unborn son, Aaron. Jackie served on the RUC GC and was stationed at Willowfield.

Jackie had a great interest in greyhound racing, this was one of his main interests and he would regularly attend race nights at Dunmore Greyhound Stadium. He was also interested in football and was generally keen on all sports.

On 10th March 1994 Jackie went to the Dunmore Greyhound stadium with his wife Kim who was 3 months pregnant at the time. Over the years Jackie had owned and raced dogs of his own; a couple of them had been very successful. The Greyhound Community was very mixed, they socialised and met with both sides of the community, there was never an issue. Although Jackie would never discuss the fact he was a serving member of the RUC, there is no doubt a lot of individuals within the Greyhound circles were aware.

Jackie was sitting in the bar area having a drink with Kim and friends; a Provisional IRA gunman walked up and shot Jackie in the head in front of his pregnant wife and then shot him again as he lay on the ground, a second gunman fired shots in the air before making their escape. Jackie was pronounced dead on arrival at the Mater Hospital.

Only one person was convicted in relation to Jackie's murder; this being the person who supplied a house for the Provisional IRA gunmen to change and dispose of their clothes, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Jackie always wanted to join the RUC and was very proud to be a member. The Greyhound represents his love of greyhound racing, despite the risks, he was determined to enjoy this passion; this ultimately led to his murder when innocently enjoying this pass time with his wife.

RESERVE CONSTABLE DAVID ANDREW JOHNSTON

SERVICE NUMBER: R12819

12TH FEBRUARY 1967 – 16TH JUNE 1997



David was a very sociable person who just wanted to help people. He lived in Lisburn, he was 30 years old and was married with two sons aged 7 and 3 years old.

Being a policeman was a very demanding but rewarding job and David enjoyed various hobbies in his spare time. One of his hobbies was playing golf, even though he wasn't always very good at it, for him it was more about being with and enjoying the company of his good friends.

Another of his hobbies was fishing, he found it very relaxing and when he did manage to catch anything, he was as pleased as punch to bring it home to his beloved wife Angie and to cook it for dinner.

One of David's true loves was listening to music. He had a very varied and eclectic taste. Music was always playing from the second he got up until he went to bed every day.

On the day that he died he was running late for work but despite this he still had to decide on the music he was going to listen to in the car before he would drive off on the journey to the station. Both David's sons have inherited their dad's love of music.

On 16th June 1997 David was on duty with his colleague Constable John Graham they were on foot patrol in Lurgan, County Armagh when they were shot dead by Provisional IRA gunmen who ran up behind the officers and shot them at close range.

CONSTABLE ROLAND JOHN GRAHAM

SERVICE NUMBER: 15841

3RD MAY 1963 – 16TH JUNE 1997



John Graham was from Richhill, County Armagh he was 34 years old and was married with three daughters aged 10, 7 and 2 years old. John murdered alongside his colleague Reserve Constable David Johnston in Lurgan on 16th June 1997 he was an on-duty RUC Officer but he will always be remembered as a son, husband, brother and dad.

John was a larger-than-life character, whose wit, sense of humour and friendly nature seemed to draw people towards him. He was funny, loved to laugh and play practical jokes on everyone around him. He loved animals- especially dogs, of all different varieties. However, he had a special interest in Weimaraners, which he bred and showed in dog shows around Northern Ireland.

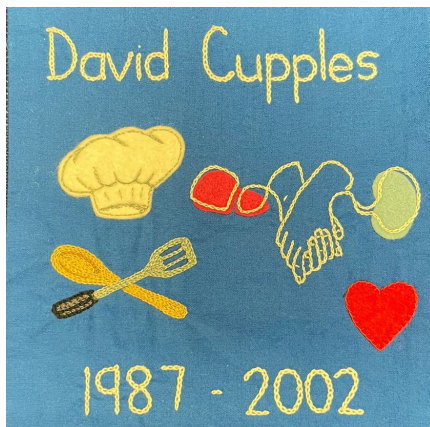
John loved being outside, walking his dogs and fishing. He was always an active person, who enjoyed playing squash, swimming and tennis. John loved food, and was always enjoying takeaways such as pizza and indian and was very good at making cheese on toast.

Most people would remember John as someone who was always warm and friendly. He was either laughing or making other people laugh. He was devoted to his family and he will always be remembered as the best daddy in the world.

DAVID CUPPLES

CIVILIAN

1987 – 25TH DECEMBER 2002



David Cupples was savagely attacked by a so-called loyalist on 22nd December 2002 and died of his injuries on Christmas Day. He is believed the sole victim of our 'Troubles' to die on Christmas Day forever changing the emphasis of that day for the Cupples family.

David 25-years-old, a civilian, single, and was a kitchen worker. He came from a Protestant community background.

David had recently moved into his own house in the Braniel estate in East Belfast. He had been working at the Girdwood army barracks for five years as a civilian worker.

His father dropped him off close to the Mater Hospital and he was walking to the barracks. They did not drive the car to the barracks for safety and security reasons.

Loyalists who attacked him had mistaken him for a Roman Catholic because he was walking toward the Cliftonville Road. David's life was cruelly cut short and alike all the other innocents who perished over the years of the violence, the key unanswered question on the hearts of the families impacted is, for what?

LYRA CATHERINE MCKEE

CIVILIAN

31ST MARCH 1990 – 18TH APRIL 2019



Lyra McKee was a Freelance Investigative Journalist, Editor of Online Magazine, Author and International 'Online Journalism' Speaker and Trainer. She was the main carer for her disabled mother Joan and was co-habiting with her partner at the time of her death.

Lyra was interested in social issues: LGBT+ Rights, Refugee Rights, Rights of the marginalised in general, Truth, Justice and Legacy of the Troubles. Lyra supported many social campaigns and always championed those without a voice. She attended weekly Krav Maga (self-defence/combat martial art) lessons and was an avid fastfood connoisseur. Lyra loved going to the cinema with her friends and she particularly enjoyed the Harry Potter and Marvel film series.

On 18th April 2019 Lyra was shot dead by dissident republicans (calling themselves the New IRA) in Creggan, Derry/Londonderry as she observed a riot.

Within her patch on the Memorial Quilt her family chose a Large heart as Lyra had the biggest heart in the world. Not only would she have done anything for the people she loved, Lyra was a person who was kind, empathetic and generous to people regardless of their personal background, history or affiliations. They also chose a magnifying glass as this image represents Lyra's chosen profession and first love: investigative journalism.

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