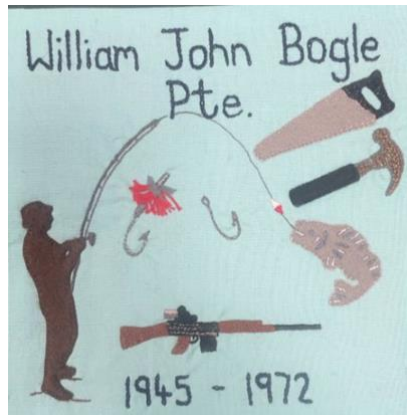


## Private William John Bogle



**Service Number: 24205437**

**2nd January 1945 – 5th December 1972**

William John Bogle “Wille” was first and foremost a family man. As a father of 3 young sons, what he enjoyed most was spending time with them and his wife Sandra. As a person, he was bright, intelligent yet modest and caring. He was good with his hands, skillful in the art of carpentry and when time permitted, he enjoyed playing darts or using his skill and attention to detail in the making of flies for another one of his pastimes, fly-fishing.

Willie would spend time relaxing by the riverside trying out the flies that he had just made to see how successful they would be in landing a catch. It didn't matter if he secured trout or salmon, albeit the latter would have put up much more of a fight and made the experience somewhat more entertaining. Even during this down time Willie was rarely left in peace. He was shot at whilst out fishing; escaping his would be assassins by diving into the river.

Willie was considered to be a ‘legitimate’ target by virtue of the fact that he was a part-time soldier in the 6th battalion of the Ulster Defence Regiment. This meant that for him, his life was at risk every hour of every day, there was no such thing as off time in the true sense of its meaning. Willie was murdered whilst off duty with his wife and 3 young sons. Sandra was in the local post office shop when Willie realized

there was a threat on his life. To draw fire away from his 3 sons, he exited the car they were in and was shot in the back as he sought to seek cover in the shop adjacent to his vehicle.

His actions speak volumes about the nature of man he was, more so than any words can do justice. He left a void that was impossible to fill; he is missed and loved every day by those that he left behind.