

The Disappeared



Brian McKinney

Disappeared 25th May 1978.

John McClory had been kidnapped an hour earlier.

Brian was small and his nickname was "Bru" because of Brian Bru was a giant and he was so small. He had dark brown hair, which he loved, and he kept it well groomed. He was 22 years old when he was taken away from us.

Brian was never a well boy. He was in and out of hospital and had bad asthma and eczema. When he was 14 years old he was diagnosed as having the mind of a six year old. It was genetic thing. We were all very protective of Brian. He was very popular in the area with the neighbours and he was always singing and he played a mouth organ and the guitar. In fact, sometimes you had to tell him to be quiet. He was very musical. Brian was funny without even meaning to be, he hadn't an ounce of sense.

He went out to work on Thursday 25th May 1978 and he never came home. I still can't get him out of my mind especially what he must have felt like in his last moments. I know he would have cried.

His friends would tell you how good natured he was. He would have given away his last penny. He would have been very easily led but he wouldn't have harmed a fly. He is still so much missed by us all.

Brian's body was located on 29th June 1999 at Colgagh, Iniskeen, Co. Monaghan along with John McClory's body.