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On the wall of the porch of St Columbs Cathedral in Londonderry is the foundation stone of that beautiful building that reads: 'If stones could speak, then London's praise should sound, who built this church and city from the ground.'

Elsewhere in Northern Ireland there are also memorials to other men and women of courage who would receive no less recognition nor would be out of place if their names or acts of heroism were to be included in the Cathedral. Their memorials are in the many cemeteries and churches throughout this Province; their names bear testimony to their courage and selfless devotion to their country and fellow countrymen.

Theirs is not the controversial memorial that attempts to validate acts of terrorism, but a dignified and modest record that reminds us all that those who lost their lives as a result of terrorism, murdered at their homes, places of work, or going to church, did not deserve their fate.

These are stories that, when told by those who loved them and who still love them, are ones of courage and humanity that cannot be etched on marble headstones and are the true reflection of these notable men and women.

It is right that their sacrifice should be remembered, not only as names on a cold slab of marble but as fathers, husbands, wives, daughters, brothers, and sisters, who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and to whom we should remain indebted and speak of with pride.

From the many gravestones around Northern Ireland, these are some of the compelling stories they would tell, **if stones could speak.**



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