

when push came to shove, Rosemary didn't expect that the threats would come to anything and I remember that she received a threatening letter a few weeks before she was killed and she was laughing and joking about the bad spelling in the note that she had received. She thought the threats were a kind of harassment in an attempt to intimidate her and that that was the extent of what would happen. She did not show it to me and I don't know what it said.

27. This is typical of Rosemary's reaction when she received a phone call or a threatening letter. I think that she just generally threw them out without giving them much consideration at all. A lot of people adopted that attitude: you just had to get on with things. Things were so different then to now.
28. I have been asked why I think Rosemary was killed in 1999 rather than in earlier years when she had a somewhat higher profile. I think that this is one of the sad things about her death. By the time she was killed, the peak of the violence had been reached and had passed. Everything was starting to come to an end; ceasefires were in place. She was really one of the last ones to be killed in terms of the political situation here. The Garvaghy Road talks were still going on but they were generally more positive, particularly in terms of violence. Maybe someone felt that it was their last chance to get her for her past.
29. It was so surprising that she was killed when she was after going through some really bad times. Apart from continuing to act for the Garvaghy Road, she had become much less high profile by this time. Rosemary was not really involved in any other particularly high profile cases. She was involved in the South Armagh sniper case in the months leading up to her death. This was the case where [REDACTED] allegedly killed the last soldier on active duty here. This case was certainly not as high profile as the Colin Duffy case and, although it was a big case, Rosemary was certainly not in the spot light. I would have done most of the work on that case and there was no real focus on Rosemary as the focus was on