

1987

TRAGEDY MEMORIAL

TO THE MEMORY  
OF

Marcus Barnard  
P.C. Roger Brereton  
Francis Butler  
Ken Clements  
Myrtle Gibbs  
Victor Gibbs  
Susan Godfrey  
Sandra Hill  
Abdul Khan  
Roland Mason  
Sheila Mason  
Ian Playle  
Dorothy Ryan  
Eric Vardy  
Douglas Wainwright  
George White

The names of the victims of Michael Ryan who firstly shot victim Susan Godfrey in Savernake Forest, Wiltshire on the 19th of August 1987 and who went on to kill 15 other men and women in the town of Hungerford.

Surname	Given Names	Title/Occupation	Location of Death	Victim Number	Notes
Barnard	Marcus	Taxi Driver	Bulpit Lane	10	
Brereton	Roger	Police Constable	South View	5	
Butler	Francis		War Memorial Recreational Grounds	9	
Clements	Ken		Hungerford Common	4	
Gibbs	Myrtle		Priory Road	14	Died of injuries on 21st August
Gibbs	Victor		Priory Road	15	
Godfrey	Susan		Savernake Forest	1	
Hill	Sandra		Priory Road	13	
Khan	Abdul		South View/Fairview Road	6	
Mason	Roland		South View	2	
Mason	Sheila		South View	3	
Playle	Ian		Priory Street	16	Died of injuries on 21st August
Ryan	Dorothy	Mother of Perpetrator	South View	8	
Vardy	Eric		Priory Avenue	12	
Wainwright	Douglas		Priory Avenue	11	
White	George		South View	7	

There were many other victims of the events of that day. Including those injured, fired at or those who witnessed the attacks. All no doubt were traumatised. In the case of P.C. Wainwright he was told that his father had been killed, but on arriving at the hospital in Swindon to be with his injured mother he was wrongly told that his father was undergoing surgery. The nurse came back a few minutes later and asked him for a description of his dad. When informed of the description, the nurse apologised and advised that it was not his father undergoing surgery. Another thing that would no doubt play on his mind was that he was involved in awarding Ryan a certificate to own firearms.

Michael Ryan also set fire to his home which spread to other homes resulting in 4 properties being demolished.

Another victim was Ryan's dog Blackie, which was shot dead when Ryan first arrived back from having shot his first victim in Savernake Forest. On his way back from the Forest he had stopped for petrol at a garage at Froxfield, he shot at the cashier but missed.