

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – June 1978

Friday June 2, 1978



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Embakwe, Matabeleland

Fr Angelmar Dylong (wounded in a guerrilla attack on a school mission)

Br Edmund Geyermann CMM (aged 36, German citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

Br Georg von Arx CMM (aged 45, Swiss citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Zimbabwe.htm

<http://www.rhodesia.nl/mission.htm>

Monday June 5, 1978



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Figtree

Charon Faith Swindells (aged 25, missionary teacher, British citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

David Cotton (aged 38, missionary, British citizen, shot by guerrillas, survived)

Diane Barbara Thompson (aged 28, missionary teacher, British citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

Gunvor Berit Polsson (aged 37, missionary, Sweden citizen, shot by guerrillas, survived)

<http://www.rhodesia.nl/mission.htm>

Wednesday June 7, 1978



Russia: Smolensk

Tatiana Shchipkova (Christian Seminar member, teacher, home raided by police on [April 21, 1978](#), Christian underground literature seized; **UPDATE**: confessed to her students that she was a Christian, fired from her position and stripped of her degrees)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 89

Thursday June 15, 1978



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Sanyati Mission

Archie G Dunaway (aged 58, missionary, U.S. citizen, husband, father of four, **killed** by guerrillas)

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Friday June 23, 1978



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Elim Mission, Eastern Highlands

Catherine Picken (aged 55, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Elizabeth Wendy Hamilton-White (aged 37, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Joy McCann (aged 5, daughter of Peter and Sandra McCann, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Joyce Lynn (aged 36, wife of Roy Lynn, mother of Pamela Lynn, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Mary Fisher (aged 28, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Pamela Grace Lynn (aged 3 weeks, daughter of Roy and Joyce Lynn, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Peter McCann (aged 30, husband of Sandra McCann, father of Phillip and Joy McCann, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Rev Phillip Evans (aged 29, husband of Suzan Evans, father of Rebecca Evans, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Phillip McCann (aged 6, son of Peter and Sandra McCann, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Rebecca Evans (aged 4, daughter of Rev Phillip and Suzan Evans, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Roy Lynn (aged 37, husband of Joyce Lynn, father of Pamela Grace Lynn, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Sandra McCann (aged 30, wife of Peter McCann, mother of Phillip and Joy McCann, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

Suzan Evans (aged 35, wife of Rev Phillip Evans, mother of Rebecca Evans, British citizen, **stabbed to death** by guerrillas)

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Tuesday June 27, 1978



Russia: Moscow

UPDATE: Eight Christians from Chernogorsk attempted to enter the U.S. Embassy in bid to force the Soviet government to grant them exit visas, one was detained, the remaining seven refused to leave until they were reunited

Augustina Vasilovna Vashchenko (wife of Peter Pavolvich Vashchenko)

John (aged 17, son of Peter and Augustina Vashchenko, detained, severely beaten, suffered kidney damage)

Lida Vashchenko (aged 27, daughter of Peter and Augustina Vashchenko)

Lyubia Vashchenko (daughter of Peter and Augustina Vashchenko)

Lila Vashchenko (daughter of Peter and Augustina Vashchenko)

Maria Petrovna Chmykhalov (mother of Timothy Chmykhalov)

Peter Pavolvich Vashchenko (husband of Augustina Vasilovna Vashchenko)

Timothy Chmykhalov (son of Maria Petrovna Chmykhalov)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4190509M/The_Siberian_Seven



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Magondi, Makonde, Mashonaland West

Br Bernhard Lisson SJ (aged 69, German citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

Fr Gregor Richert SJ (aged 48, German citizen, **shot dead** by guerrillas)

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Friday June 30, 1978



Guatemala: Guatemala City

Fr Eufemio Hermogenes Lopez Coarchita (**assassinated**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassinated_Catholic_priests_in_Guatemala

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