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PRESS RELEASE

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Police working to formally identify those killed in the shootings in West Cumbria on Wednesday can confirm the details of three more people:

Kenneth Fishburn, 71, of Bridge End, Egremont, who was found dead on the bridge at Bridge End, 50 metres from his home.

His family have offered the following tribute: "Ken was a brother, brother-in-law and Uncle. He was a quiet, private man and liked nothing better than a few bets and a game of snooker. He was a lifetime army man having served 25 years in the forces serving with the Durham Light Infantry which took him all over the world. A further five years were served as a reservist, serving six months each year with the UN peace keeping force, again world wide.

"After leaving army life he lived for a short time with one of his sisters in Cumbria before settling down in Egremont where he lived for the last 20+ years of his life."

(Note to reporters: The family have issued the above statement and won't be issuing any further statement and wish to be given privacy in their grief.)

Jennifer Jackson, 68, and James Jackson, 67, of Stockbridge, Wilton, were both found dead on the road in Wilton Village.

A statement from their family reads: "James was the Chief Station Officer for the Ambulance Service at Keswick and Barrow and then later worked for Hartley's Ice Cream. Jennifer worked for Whitehaven Tax Office before having children and later worked on the accounts for Hartley's.

"They have two grown-up children, a son, Chris, married to Shirley and a daughter, Kathryn. James and Jennifer were members of the over 60's group and often supported events in the Village Hall. Jennifer was also secretary to Haile Parochial Church Council. She was a gifted at gardening and flower arranging and gave generously of her talents. They have both supported the church in many ways.

"They were wonderful, quiet, loving people right at the heart of the communities of Haile and Wilton.

"Everyone here is in shock at this tragedy, trying to make sense of all that has happened. The community is close-knit and helps each other in tragedy. Thank you for all the expressions of support that have been received and now we ask for privacy for the grieving process."

The families of some of those named yesterday have paid tribute to their loved ones

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this morning:

The family of 66-year-old Jane Elizabeth Robinson have offered a tribute to her:

Barrie Robinson, Jane's twin sister, said: "Jane was such a caring considerate and generous person in the local community and always had time to help people. She was the best sister I could ever have and as twins we were especially close, her kindness to people also extended to animals and birds. For many years she worked tirelessly for the PDSA and later devoted her time to caring for birds and was especially fond of her pigeons, she was a real Seascale person and loved the area so much."

Note: The photo attached is of Jane (pictured left) with her twin sister Barrie (pictured right), the family have requested that this picture be used showing them both together.

The family of 64-year-old Michael James Pike, said: "Michael James Pike, or Mike to his friends, was a loving husband, father and grandfather who did everything he could for his family and was glad to do it.

"He was a kind, brave and generous person who achieved much more than he expected in his life. He did a great deal of good, not only for his family but for other people too. Mike had been an active and effective trade union organiser during the time he worked as a fitter. Then, following his degree with the Open University, had been a management trainer and a nuclear decommissioner, ensuring the nuclear facilities, which had to be closed, were made as safe as possible.

"Mike was enjoying his retirement and was happier at this time than at any time before. He loved this area and spent much of his time walking and cycling locally. It is sad that his enjoyment of his well earned leisure was cut short.

"But he will always be remembered as the man he was, and the things he did in his life. He died a contented man and we are proud of him."

The family of 31-year-old Garry John Purdham, said: "Cumbria lost one of it's favourite sons on Wednesday, 2 June 2010, when the life of Garry Purdham was cut tragically short. He was loved dearly by all his family and everyone who knew him - a gentle giant who would do anything for anyone. He leaves a hole, which can never be filled, in the lives of his wife Ros, sons Cameron, 8, and Flynn, 2, his father Jack, mother Bridget, brother Rob, and sister Becky. His two boys, Cameron and Flynn, were his pride and joy. The other two loves of his life were rugby league and farming and he worked on his father's farm from the day he left school, never wanting to do anything else.

"Garry's rugby career started very early and he and brother Rob played together in the Under 11's, progressing to Egremont Rangers and Whitehaven before their

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careers went their separate ways. Garry played for Great Britain Barla and toured Australia.

"After leaving Whitehaven, Garry transferred to Workington and then returned to Egremont Rangers. In recent times Garry had started coaching kids with Cameron in tow, and they both really loved it.

"Garry Purdham - one of life's true gentlemen!"

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Notes to Editors

The families who have issued photos today and yesterday are urging all media to use these family photos instead of any others they may have acquired from other sources.

We would urge the media to respect the privacy of grieving families during this very difficult time.