

# JOEY DUNLOP

## KING OF THE ROADS

### 1952-2000

<b>1976</b>	Joey raced for the first time in England, at Oulton Park. The Armoy Armada became so popular that sponsor John Rea bought a bus to bring fans from the Railway Tavern, Ballymoney, to race meetings. Joey competed at the Isle of Man TT, winning a Bronze Replica for best newcomer.	<b>1993</b>	At the TT, Joey won his fifteenth race at the TT, beating the record previously set by the legendary Mike Hailwood. Ballymoney Borough Council presented him with the Freedom of the Borough.
<b>1977</b>	Won his first Isle of Man TT race, the Jubilee Classic.	<b>1996</b>	Joey was honoured with an OBE in recognition of his humanitarian deeds. He drove alone across Eastern Europe to take aid to Romania, Bosnia and Albania.
<b>1979</b>	First victories at the North West 200, winning the Superbike races and also at the Ulster Grand Prix in the 500cc and Superbike races.	<b>2000</b>	A triple win at the TT brought Joey's tally to 26 and, in recognition of this astonishing feat, he was presented with the Manx Sword of State.
<b>1980</b>	With the death of fellow riders Frank Kennedy, Mervyn Robinson and Tom Herron in the space of twelve months, Joey briefly considered retiring from the sport. He overcame his doubts and was triumphant at the TT with a famous victory. Riding a Yamaha, Joey took the flag ahead of the Honda team of Mick Grant and Ron Haslam in the Classic 1000cc race.		
<b>1981</b>	Debuted for the Honda team at Donington Park.		
<b>1982</b>	Joey won the TT Formula One World Motorcycle Championships which he retained until 1986. He dominated the championship during the 1980s, also finishing 3rd in 1980 & 1981 and runner-up in 1987 & 1988.		
<b>1985</b>	Another astonishing season which included a hat-trick of wins at both the Ulster Grand Prix and the TT, a double victory at the NW200 and Formula One wins in Holland, Portugal, Spain and Germany. Joey's TT victories were all the more remarkable as he narrowly missed drowning when the fishing boat taking him to the Isle of Man was sunk.		
<b>1986</b>	Awarded an MBE for his service to motor sport.		
<b>1988</b>	Another treble win at the TT.		
<b>1989</b>	After a collision with another rider at Brands Hatch, Joey's injuries forced him to rest for a year.		

**On Sunday, 2 July 2000, Joey Dunlop was killed while racing in Estonia.**

The 'King of the Roads' was one of the most remarkable men of his generation and his achievements will be remembered forever.