# 2003 Fallen Firefighters

## Alabama
- Matthew K. Briner
  - Wetumpka, Fire Department
- Billy John Tucker
  - Chilton County Rescue Service, Inc.

## Arizona
- Randall Boult, Jr.
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver
- Carl G. Doleasa
  - Medora Air Corporation, USDA Forest Service Continuation
- Richard Glenn "Rich" Lago
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver
- Jeff Price
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs Contractor, Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver

## California
- Melinda "Mindy" Olster
  - San Francisco Fire Department
- Steven Lee Backer
  -_rename_ State Fire Protection District
- Harry Zilkan
  - strawberry Springs Fire Department

## Colorado
- John Armstrong
  - Medora Air Corporation, USDA Forest Service Coordinator

## Connecticut
- Kenneth J. Jeffery
  - United States Naval Information Base Fire Department, Groton
- Don Maurice
  - Westerly Volunteer Fire Department

## Florida
- Wayne Mitchell
  - Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department
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GEORGIA

Latise E. Collins, III
Hoschton Fire Department

Randy K. Hill
Rabiwn County Fire Department

John Robert "Bobby" Patuck
Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Douglas Clark Westa, Jr.
City of Jefferson Fire Department

GUEST

James A. Peters
Grupee Fire Department

ARIZONA

Jeff Allen
USDA Forest Service, Salome-Chelino National Forest

Edward G. Buti
Mehle Correctional Institution, Douglas

Shane W. Heath
USDA Forest Service, Salome-Chelino National Forest

Jeffrey Alan Keval
Salome Fire Department

Kevin M. Whisley
Elium Fire Department

ILLINOIS

Todd W. Dicks
Kewanee Volunteer Fire Department

Vaney D. Kayser
Galctic/Edison Fire Protection District

Joseph M. Kedermian
Springfield Fire Department

IRELAND

Jim "Sammy" Smith
Dry Volunteer Fire Department

George A. Walker, Jr.
Charleston Fire Department
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IOWA

James Dwayne Richards
Chief Volunteer Fire Department

Devin Nachteling
Covington Fire & Rescue

KANSAS

Gary D. Boyett
Kansas City Fire Department

KENTUCKY

Randi Gene Lively
Cowan Volunteer Fire Department

LOUISIANA

Shane Scott Brown
Delion Fire District #3, Mansfield

Warren Dillon
Washington Parish Fire District #9

Faron Hise O'Quin
Low Pine Volunteer Fire Department, St. Landry

Glen Allen Taylor
Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department

MAINE

Harold G. Wescott
Maine Fire Department

MARYLAND

Thomas Frank Brown
Baltimore County Fire Department

Nadar Ali Hannan
Prince George's County Fire & Rescue Department

Doug Prince
North Point Volunteer Fire Department

MASSACHUSETTS

Barry Michael Roman
Cambridge Fire Department

Martin H. "Marty" McNamara V
Candice Fire Department

Wayne W. Mackle
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forest Fire Control
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### MINNESOTA
- Don J. Billig  
  Saint Cloud Fire Department

### MISSOURI
- Dennis G. Magorote  
  Webster Groves Fire Department
- Michael J. Steadley  
  Salisbury Fire Department

### NEBRASKA
- Ronald L. Holmes  
  Wood-Plaie Fire Department

### NEW JERSEY
- Ronald W. Furgiari  
  Long Branch Fire Department
- George Ferrosoy  
  Malverne Fire Department
- Woodrow W. Fullman  
  Union Fire Company, Millwood
- Ray E. French  
  Country Lakes Volunteer Fire Company, Brown Mills

### NEW MEXICO
- Ralph Dewsby  
  Artesia Volunteer Fire & Rescue

### NEW YORK
- Thomas Christopher Brick  
  Fire Department of New York
- Stephen G. Carol  
  Spencerport Fire Company #1 of the Gates Fire Department
- James J. O' Shea  
  Fire Department of New York
- George G. World, Jr.  
  Congress Fire Department
- Lawrence J. "Larry" Robinson  
  Forest View-Canyon Hills Fire Department, Pauma Peak
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NORTH CAROLINA

Tarry W. Carroll
Granville Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Wayne Copeland
Clayton Fire Department

Mark T. Franklin
Charlotte Fire Department

Randy Neal Jones
Coal Springs Fire Department, Mantonville

Mark A. Morgan
North Carolina Division of Forest Resources

Gerald Haywood "Chief" Williams
Coal Springs Fire Department, Mantonville

Obituary

Oscar Armstrong, III
Cincinnati Fire Department

John Auger Garman
New Boston-Carrs Township Fire Department

Kenneth J. Jones
New Boston-Carrs Township Fire Department

Ralph A. Long
Galena Fire Department

OREGON

Richard W. Black
Broadhaven, Douglas Helicopter Operator

Larry A. Brown
Kingston Field Fire Department, Hammond Falls

Paul E. Gibbons
Erie Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

David Kelly Hamman
Erie Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Randall Harmon
Diamond Helicopters, LLC, Grants Pass

Jeffrey D. Mengel
Erie Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

June D. James
Erie Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Thomas Howard Keibler
Polk County Fire District #1
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OREGON (cont.)

D. Craig Malden
Oregon Department of Forestry, Western Lane District

Richard Rue, “Richie” Moore, Jr.
Jet Stagg Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Leland “David” Price, Jr.
Jet Stagg Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Mark Robert Rasmussen
Jet Stagg Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Ricardo M. Ruiz
Jet Stagg Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry Contractor

Pennsylvania

James P. Allen
Philadelphia Fire Department

Thomas W. DeCiero, Sr.
West Windspear Fire Company

Keith Robert Herr
Sunoco Island Fire & Ambulance Company

James William McArdle
Fullerton Volunteer Fire Company

William S. Ramsey
Cambridge Township Volunteer Fire Department

Donald Schrader
Logan Fire Company, Buhl

Ivan D. Tribby
Umbilical Community Fire Company, Jermyn

William A. Wheeler
Sackett Fire Department

South Dakota

Nathan E. Hansen
R暴风 Fire Rescue Department

Tennessee

Jason Lee Ellis
Cookeville Fire Department

Samuel Lee Green
Hale County Fire Department

Trent A. Kirk
Memphis Fire Department

Charles A. Zachary
Memphis Fire Department
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TENNESSEE

Wayne Kevin Clarke
Dallas Fire Rescue

Charles Howard, Jr.
New Caney Volunteer Fire Department

Ricardo A. "Ricky" Gonzalez
Braunston Fire Department

Charles G. Keysak
Tennessee Forest Service, Leitch

Charles "Lance" Mathew
Blount County Volunteer Fire Department

Stephan L. McGregor
Barb Volunteer Fire Department

Gary Lee "Drace" Sleeper
Piney Volunteer Fire Department

James C. Taylor
Seabrook Fire Department

VERMONT

Bruce Homewer Young
Madduxville Fire Department

WASHINGTON

Richard J. Tiffany
Clark County Fire District No. 1

WEST VIRGINIA

Barry D. Luce
Kanawha Volunteer Fire Department

WISCONSIN

Carl J. Mack
New Chelsea Fire Department, Town of Wood

Jeffrey Allen Tang
Southfire Fire District

Edward J. Weber
Kittitas Lake Fire Department
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**Fallen Firefighters from Previous Years**

**2002 Montana**

Mark L. Edwards
Great Falls Fire Protection District

**2001 Louisiana**

Willard A. Paul
Pineville Volunteer Fire Department, Louisiana

**1992 Illinois**

Theodore E. Wallace
Chicago Fire Department
Remembrances

ALABAMA

Matthew E. Briner, 16, volunteer firefighter, Weaver Fire Department, died November 8, 2003, in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a call. He was voted the department's Firefighter of the Year for 2003, and his radio call name was permanently named. A 2002 graduate of Jacksonville Christian Academy, Briner participated in several mission trips to Oklahoma to work on church buildings. A memorial scholarship has been established in his memory, with awards based on character and community service.

He was a fun-loving young man who endeared himself to strangers and sometimes appreciated talents and friends with practical jokes.

Billy John Tucker, 79, volunteer fire police, Chilton County Rescue Service, Inc., died April 6, 2003, when he was struck by a car while directing traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle accident. He was a 39-year veteran with the department, he served as chief of the Bessemer/Birmingham Volunteer Fire Department for nine years and was a member of the rescue squad. He raised funds for the station and arranged the donation of a stretch coach to the department. Two of his sons are also members of the department. Tucker retired from Alabama, where he worked as a wholesale liquor broker. He and his wife served as directors of the Young at Heart.

"Big Daddy" was a gentle person. He loved his family, friends, community, and church.

ARIZONA

Kendall Lucey, Jr., 12, volunteer helitack crew member, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Winslow, died July 12, 2003, when a helicopter crashed while transporting firefighters to a fire. The pilot also died in this incident. Lucey had served with the BIA for 12 years. As a seasonal wildland firefighter, he helped protect his ancestral homelands, land of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Known as "kesho" to family and friends, he excelled during time with his family, biking, camping, and fishing on the reservation.

Randle's passion for life, family, and friends will continue in our hearts and minds for generations.

Thank you, Randle, for a job well done.

Carl G. Delahaye, 14, pilot, Madden Air Corporation, USDA Forest Service contractors, died October 23, 2003, when an air turbine crashed on route to its base in San Bernardino, CA. Another pilot also died in this incident. Delahaye began flying as a teenager and was formerly based in the FLX, CT, DC-7, C-12, and Turbine Thrush. Delahaye had been in the aviation business for 31 years and had been with Madden Air since 1999. A crop duster in his early years of flying, he flew a variety of jobs that took him all over the world. In the winter months, he owned 16 wheelers and flew for several companies. He was a dedicated outdoorsman who enjoyed camping and fishing.

He was doing what he loved and saving our planet. He loved Mexican food, his toy cats, watching movies, coming with friends, and telling stories.

Richard Glenn "Rick" Lape, 40, federal firefighter, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Whiterocks, died June 19, 2003, as a result of burns suffered a month earlier during a prescribed burn. A firefighter for 24 years, he was a member of the fire crew of the Fort Apache Band and later served as a division supervisor for the Northwest Area Incident Management Team as a full management specialist. Lape was named 2001 Firefighter of the Year and 2002 and 2003 Employee of the Year. He was recognized by President George W. Bush for his service during the Hurricane Katrina Fire. Lape spent time in the woods with his sons, hunting and enjoying each other's company. A fishing scholarship has been established in his memory.

Rick was the hero of his family, community, and the state of Arizona. His legacy as a wonderful husband and father will live on with his sons.
ARIZONA

Jason Pearson, 35, contract pilot, Bureas of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency, Williams, died July 24, 2003, when a helicopter crashed while transporting firefighters to a fire. He was a pilot for 20 years and flew Army missions in Vietnam and during Operation Desert Storm. Pearson was also involved in reserve training at Hamilton Army Airfield and Moffett Field in California and the firefighter training at Indiana and the Grand Canyon. He was a loving husband, a loving father, and a wonderful American Hero.

CALIFORNIA

Malinda "Mindy" Olden, 46, career firefighter, San Francisco Fire Department, died January 13, 2003, from breast cancer. Pearson was a beloved member of the department, admired and respected by her colleagues. She was a dedicated wife and mother, and her absence will be felt by all who knew her. In her honor, the department has established a scholarship in her memory. Olden was an active volunteer who volunteered her time working with children and enjoyed traveling with her family and friends.

Our Mindy was a very special lady. She was generous, kind, and always ready to help.

Steven Lee Rucker, 54, engineer, Novato Fire Protection District, died October 15, 2003, when his car was involved in an accident while fighting the Cedar Fire in San Diego County. An Eagle Scout, Rucker began as a volunteer firefighter in Fortuna while still in high school. Later, he worked as a paramedic with American Medical and was a seasonal firefighter with the California Department of Forestry. In his 11 years with Novato, he was the department's informal ambassador to the local community, participated in a program to help minor children realize their dreams, and served as Chief in the district's Toys for Tots program.

Having been a collection of his love for his own family, for large extended family, and for his community.

Harry Zillman, 56, volunteer assistant chief, Newbury Springs Fire Department, died September 9, 2003, from complications of a heart transplant. He suffered a heart attack while flying operations at a structure fire in July 1996. Zillman served with the department for 25 years. He retired in 2001 and was a firefighter in 1966. Zillman served as a military career that spanned 25 years and included three years of duty in Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant, was a Green Beret, and was honored with three Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, and two Bronze Medals. Zillman was a licensed pilot, a skilled mechanic, and a fast car driver. He was a great-grandson of a Frenchman who joined the French Foreign Legion.

COLORADO

John Attwood, 59, copilot, Mesa Air Corporation, US Air Force Service contractor, died October 3, 2003, when an aircraft crashed in route to its base in San Bernardino, CA. He served with Mesa Air for eight years.

KENTUCKY

Kenneth J. Jefferys, 65, federal employee (A-64), United States Naval Submarine Base, Fire Department, Groton, died December 7, 2003. He served 33 years after responding to a call on Christmas Day and later had surgery for a ruptured artery. After retiring for 30 years, he also served as chief of the Westside Fire Department and was an instructor at the Connecticut State Fire Academy. Jefferys was a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Polish-American Club, the Italian-American Club, and Masonic Lodge #1421. He was a member of the Indian and was a New York Yankees fan.

Larry Jefferys was loved by all who knew him and will be remembered for his sense of humor, integrity, and dedication to service of others above himself.
Dear Maurice, 52, deputy chief, Westover Volunteer Fire Department, died April 6, 2003, after he suffered a heart attack at the station after returning from a call. He served with the department for 34 years, including 12 years as deputy chief. Maurice worked for the department's annual event fund drive foundation and spent many hours making sure the fire trucks were ready to appear on parade. He volunteered with Special Olympics and during Fire Prevention Week. Despite his illness, he continued to contact the children at the school where he worked and was known for his imaginative Halloween costumes.

(His kindness touched the lives of so many people)

**Randy E. Hill**

51, volunteer battalion chief, Sumter County Fire Department, died April 7, 2003, when he collapsed after completing a 3-mile walk as part of a monthly physical fitness training drill. A 10-year veteran with the department, he was chief of Sumter County's Station 61 in Alabama. Hill worked as a lawyer and was a member of the LoGiadro Hunting Club.

(He is a leader and friendship will be sorely missed)

**John Robert "Bobby" Patrick,** 54, career firefighter, Comal County Fire Department, died April 28, 2003, after he suffered a heart attack while fighting an intentionally set fire. A 22-year veteran with Comal County, he was named 2003 Rookie of the Year and received the highest number of letters of commendation in the city of New Braunfels. He had previously served with the City of Rome Fire Department for 12 years. He was the father of four children, all of whom were active in school and community activities. A scholarship fund is being established at Berry College in his memory.

(Robby was a positive leader in all areas of school. He absolutely loved his children. He was constantly thinking of others. His positive attitude helped others.

**Douglas Clark Winters,** 40, volunteer assisting officer, City of Jefferson Fire Department, died April 20, 2003, at home from pulmonary edema after responding to a call. He was a career firefighter with Chatham County Fire and Emergency Services, assigned as Station 41, which has recently been dedicated in his memory. Winters was a member structural fire instructor at the Georgia Fire Academy for four years and a member of the Georgia Technical College. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Reserve for 18 years. His father served as chaplain of the City of Jefferson Fire Department.

(He approached his profession and personal life with the same energy and at a rate that everyone admired.)
**Remembrances**

**Gene**

James A. Peretti, 60, career firefighter, Guan Fire Department, died January 9, 2001, after suffering a seizure while on duty at the station. He served with the department for 18 years.

**Randy**

Jeff Allen, 46, federal seasonal firefighter, USDA Forest Service, Salt Lake City National Forest, died July 22, 2001, near Seeksaw Mountain by air while clearing a helicopter landing spot near the Cossat Creek Fire. Another firefighter also died in this accident. Allen began working summers with the Forest Service in 1996 and moved to the Indianapolis fire department in 2001. He was a student at Boise State University and was posthumously awarded a Degree in Business Administration. An all-around athlete, he served as an assistant for the Boise State basketball team and dreamed of becoming a college basketball coach. A memorial fund has been established in his name to help support high school athletes.

He lived life to the fullest, making the most out of every day and every situation.

**Edward L. Bati**

Edward L. Bati, 46, seasonal firefighter, died August 18, 2001, after he suffered a heart attack while hiking in the wilderness as part of an inmate crew.

**James W. Heath**

James W. Heath, 42, federal seasonal firefighter, Salt Lake City National Forest, died July 22, 2001, when he and his guides were swept by a tree. Heath was listed as a firefighter with the Idaho Unit on the Boise County National Forest in Idaho during the summer of 2000 and became a Idaho Unit early in his second season. He was accepted at the Idaho School of Forestland in 2001 and had decided to pursue a full-time firefighting career. Heath had completed four years at Boise State University. Raised on a 7,000-acre farm, he loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, camping, and riding ATVs. He knew how to handle a young man that he married to my own day.

His family's in life:

Do what you love — you know what you do.

**Jeffrey Alan Kozel**

Jeffrey Alan Kozel, 40, volunteer firefighter/EMS, Jacksboro Fire Department, died August 6, 2001, when his vehicle went over a cliff as he transported supplies to the scene of a wildfire. He worked with the department for four years. Employed by the city of Jacksboro as its only maintenance man, he led efforts to build the town's Storm Park and helped organize annual Arbor Day and Fourth of July celebrations. Kozel enjoyed gardening, fishing, camping, and hunting.

He was very much a family man. He loved his family, he would say, "more than air."

**Kevin M. Walls**

Kevin M. Walls, 36, volunteer firefighter/woodcutter, died March 28, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after responding to the scene of a gas leak. A one-year veteran with the department, he worked as a delivery driver for United Oil. His fellow firefighters established a memorial scholarship in his name, and a new fire truck has been dedicated in his memory.

He shared his fellow firefighters as family and considered him a friend and a special person. He was known as a cheerful, kind man who worked hard and had a good spirit.

**James W. Dake**

James W. Dake, 47, firefighter, Warren Volunteer Fire Department, died December 3, 2001, when he suffered a heart attack as the department responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident. He served with the department for four years. Dake worked for the City of Warren Street and Water Department and served as the assistant council officer in Warren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and collecting horns.

He was one of our finest and reached many lives.
Remembrances

Vannie D. Keever, 54, volunteer assistant chief, Gulfport/Gladstone Fire Protection District, died April 10, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at the scene of a mobile home fire. A 15-year veteran with the department, he also served with the Gladstone Fire and Rescue Squad and the Biggsville Fire Department, and had previously served eight years with the Oquawka Fire Department. Keever donated his time doing fish fries, soup suppers, and anything else he could to help better the fire department.

Vannie was a very loving husband, father, and friend to many. His life was short, but he accomplished a great deal in his 54 years.

Joseph M. Rotherham, 46, career captain, Springfield Fire Department, died January 14, 2003, of cardiac arrhythmia, after exiting a burning home to refill his air tank. A 14-year veteran with the department and a second generation firefighter, he was promoted to captain of Engine House #6 in 2002. Rotherham enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling out west with his wife and children.

He lived every minute of his brief 46 years. He was always 100% present, and his presence is missed.

Indiana

Jim “Smitty” Smith, 62, firefighter, Troy Volunteer Fire Department, died March 22, 2003, after he collapsed while fighting a structure fire. He served with the department for seven years and considered firefighting his proudest accomplishment. After serving four years in the U.S. Air Force, he started a longtime career in the electronics and semi-conductor business that took him all over the world. He was active with American Legion Post 213, where he was appointed First Vice Chair, and was involved in local politics and fundraising efforts. His personal loves were his family, playing Euchre, golfing, and NASCAR.

Jim was the shining light of our family. He always had an infectious smile and heartfelt warmth for those around him. We still cannot believe he is gone.

George A. Walker, Jr., 61, career firefighter, Clarksville Fire Department, died February 1, 2003, after suffering a heart attack at a structure fire in December 2002. He served with the department for 31 years.

He was a very social person, a good person. He had a good sense of humor.

Iowa

James Duane Richards, 49, assistant chief, Oran Volunteer Fire Department, died October 20, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while fighting a field and structure fire on a neighbor’s farm. A 29-year veteran, he served three years as chief and 18 years as assistant chief. He met his wife in a first responders class, and his brother and nephew also serve with the fire department. Richards was owner/operator of Richards Repair, a farm equipment repair shop, for 29 years. He and his family remodeled and created a second family-owned business called Kountry Krafts. Active with the FFA program at his children’s high school, he helped construct a greenhouse and chaperoned countless trips. He loved reading, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Jim was a good man, a wonderful husband, father, and friend. He was the center of our lives and is missed very, very much.

Dixie Steckelberg, 60, volunteer firefighter/EMT, Lovilia Fire & Rescue, died December 18, 2003, when she suffered a heart attack at the scene of a motor vehicle accident. A 20-year veteran with the department, she was also a dispatcher for Monroe County Sheriff’s Office.

Kansas

Gary D. Boyert, 53, career captain, Kansas City Fire Department, died November 17, 2003, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a call. He served with the department for 29 years.

When I think of Gary, all I see is a smile. He was always smiling and laughing. Gary knew life was precious, and he did his best to live his life to the fullest.
**Kentucky**

**Randy Gene Utley**, 30, firefighter, Grayson Volunteer Fire Department, died June 16, 2003, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while responding to an emergency call. He had served with the department for two years and was also a part-time EMT with Carter County Ambulance Service. A past Rookie of the Year, he was posthumously named 2003 Firefighter of the Year. Utley was a heating technician/inspector, carpenter and farmer. He coached his son’s soccer team and spent most of his free time with his son, hunting and fishing.

*You just couldn’t be down and depressed when he was around. He was always so full of life.*

**Louisiana**

**Shane Scott Brown**, 25, career firefighter, DeSoto Fire District #8, Mansfield, died December 24, 2003, when his vehicle was struck by a train as he responded to an EMS call. Brown became a junior volunteer firefighter at age 16, was hired as a career firefighter in 1997, and later became the department’s only paramedic. On his days off, he worked for the ambulance service. He also worked part-time at the local hospital and sometimes filled in at 911. He ran over 1800 calls in his six years as a career firefighter.

*His heart went out to those who were hurting. Just to watch him work was to watch an artist who loved what he did.*

**Wayne Dillon**, 40, volunteer captain, Washington Parish Fire District #9, died December 3, 2003, when a tanker overturned as he participated in a driver training exercise. He was a steelworker and had served with the department for two years.

*If you asked him for anything, he already had it done. He never complained.*

**Faron Haas O’Quin**, 46, deputy chief, Lone Pine Volunteer Fire Department, St. Landry, died March 15, 2003, when he was struck by a vehicle while working at the scene of a tanker truck crash. A founding member of the department, he was an active firefighter for 15 years. O’Quin was employed by Alexandria Coca-Cola, where he consistently achieved “Employee of the Month” status. A granite memorial was erected at the scene of the accident, and the fire department dedicated a new truck in his memory.

*Faron was the heart of his family, friends, and his fire department. His memory lives on.*

**Glyn Allen Taylor**, 43, firefighter, Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department, died December 29, 2003, when he was struck by a vehicle during fire department training. He served with the department for three years and received several awards for safe driving. A man of many talents and interests, he completed aircraft electrician school and truck driving school, was a certified locksmith and worked as a hotel manager. Taylor was a devoted Christian who loved his family, friends, and three dogs.

*Glyn was always trying to make things better. His smile could make tears go away.*

**Maine**

**Harding O. Wentzell**, 81, volunteer fire police captain, Mexico Fire Department, died May 5, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while responding to a fire call. A 23-year veteran with the department, he also served with the local paper mill fire brigade. His son is chief of the Mexico department. In 2003, Wentzell received the George Downes Memorial Firefighter of the Year Award. He was active with youth fellowship at his church, where he served as a deacon. Formerly active in scouting, he served as a scoutmaster and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He served in the U.S. Army in England, Germany, and France during World War II.
He was a devoted and loving husband and the best father that anyone could ever hope for. He gave of himself freely to anyone who needed him. His smile was contagious.

**MARYLAND**

**Thomas Frank Brown**, 55, career fire specialist, Baltimore County Fire Department, died December 18, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at home after responding to several calls. A 28-year veteran with the department, he was assigned to Station 6-C in Dundalk.

Tom was a father figure to many of the younger firefighters in the department. He was well known in the community and well liked by his coworkers.

**Nadar Ali Hamnett**, 29, career ERT, Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department, died December 1, 2003, when his car was struck by another vehicle as he returned home from a required paramedic class. He served with the department for three years and was assigned to the Berwyn Heights fire station. He was attending paramedic school at the Washington Hospital Center and expected to graduate in January 2004.

“Nadar” means rare and unique, and he was such a wonderful young man. His spirit will always stay with his family and friends.

**Dougie Thomas**, 41, assistant chief, Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, died July 9, 2003, from complications of spinal and neck injuries suffered in a fire truck accident while responding to a fire call in September 2001. A lifetime member of the department, he had served 25 years, including many years as an officer and several as chief. He was always one of the top responders in the department and considered his full-time job “what he did between fire calls.” Thomas was known within the department as a teacher with high standards who believed people could achieve and pushed them to do so. He enjoyed hunting when his schedule allowed.

Being a firefighter wasn’t something that Dougie did. It was who he was.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Barry Michael Bennett**, 49, career captain, Cambridge Fire Department, died November 2, 2003, from complications of a liver transplant. He contracted Hepatitis-C in 1987 from a needle stick on an EMS call. He served with the department for 18 years before his injury and was posthumously promoted to captain. A Vietnam veteran, he held a bachelor’s degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology and worked a second job as an electronics engineer. Bennett enjoyed playing jokes at the firehouse, throwing elaborate holiday parties for family and friends, and spending time in the woods and the Quabbin Reservoir.

Barry would want us to forget the sadness of his fate and embrace life as he did—with a good joke, unrevealing hope, and perseverance in the face of adversity or hardship.

**Martin H. “Marty” McNamara V**, 31, paid on-call firefighter, Lancaster Fire Department, died November 29, 2003, when he became trapped in the basement of a farmhouse after an explosion occurred during a structure fire. He had been with the department for three years and was taking night and weekend classes at the state fire academy in pursuit of his longtime dream of becoming a full-time paid firefighter. McNamara worked as a drill-rig operator. He was the captain and shortstop of the Clinton Gaels baseball team.

There is a saying around here: “It's not a party without Marty.” His zest for life and fun-loving way were unparalleled. You always knew when Marty was in the room.
Massachusetts (cont.)

Wayne W. Mickle, 48, state firefighter/forest fire patrolman, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forest Fire Control, died August 15, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after fighting a Montana wildfire. A 27-year veteran with the state, he was assigned to Pittsfield State Forest and worked as part of a Massachusetts wildfire crew that had been dispatched to help fight the Boles Meadow Fire. As fire prevention officer in his district, Mickle conducted educational programs at schools, parks, and the Special Olympics and often acted as Smokey Bear. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, and fishing, and played in several softball leagues.

He loved his job.

Minnesota

Don J. Billig, 49, volunteer assistant chief, St. Cloud Fire Department, died October 27, 2003, when he was struck by a vehicle after responding to a fire call at a roadside construction site. An 18-year veteran with the department, he was employed by the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud for over 27 years and was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 622. His son is also a St. Cloud firefighter. Billig enjoyed trips to the Boundary Waters canoe area, annual fishing trips with his best friends, and boating and tubing with his family.

His love for everyone was so deep. When he saw the grandkids, his whole face would light up.

Missouri

Dennis G. Mignerone, 50, career captain, Webster Groves Fire Department, died January 21, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while doing department-prescribed exercise at the station. A 26-year veteran, he served as Chief Medical Officer in charge of the ambulance service. One of his last duties was ordering a new ambulance, which has been dedicated in his memory. As the athletic director at St. Simon Catholic Church, Mignerone started an annual basketball tournament and received awards for his involvement. He enjoyed coaching his daughters in soccer, volleyball, softball, and basketball and water skiing with his family at the lake.

Dennis devoted his life to his family. We love him lots, miss him even more, and will never forget him.

Michael L. Stanley, 52, volunteer firefighter, Salisbury Fire Department, died March 15, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at the scene of a grass fire. He served with the department for nine years and worked as a Park Supervisor for the City of Salisbury, where he lived his entire life. Stanley served with the U.S. Army, 5th Infantry, in Vietnam. He loved the outdoors and spent many hours doing yard work and tinkering with stuff in his shed.

Mike took pride in everything he did and had in life. His biggest pride by far was his family.

Nebraska

Ronald L. Holmes, 43, career firefighter/EMT, North Platte Fire Department, died August 6, 2003, when a tractor-trailer struck the ambulance he was driving as he transported a patient to the hospital. An 18-year veteran with the department, he served on the retirement, bargaining, hazardous materials, and truck committees. He was active with the union and collected money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association each year. Holmes served in the U.S. Navy from 1978-1982. He enjoyed Nebraska football, NASCAR, reading, and watching educational programs.

Ron leaves behind a strong and independent family because of his strength, encouragement, and love.
Ronald W. Fitzpatrick, 68, volunteer firefighter/training officer, Long Branch Fire Department, died December 6, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while fighting a structure fire. He retired from the Newark Fire Department after 27 years, including 16 years as captain of Truck 3. He was a 2nd lieutenant with the U.S. Army ROTC, held a bachelor’s degree in accounting, and worked for the IRS before fulfilling a lifelong dream to become a firefighter. Fitzgerald was a senior instructor with the Monmouth County Fire Academy for 32 years. His two sons are also firefighters.

His dedication to the fire service and his love for the profession will be his legacy and continue on in all the firefighters whose lives he has touched.

George Petrosky, 78, volunteer fire police officer, Matawan Fire Department, died November 9, 2003, from complications of a head injury sustained in September 2003, when he collapsed while directing traffic at an accident scene. A 50-year veteran and lifetime member of Midway Hose Fire Company #2, he held many offices and served three years as chief. Petrosky served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded a Purple Heart and a Good Conduct Medal, and European, African, and Middle Eastern Service Medals. He worked for the maintenance departments of the Woodbridge State School and Marlboro State Hospital before retiring in 1981.

He was quiet and kind and modeled the values of honesty, fidelity, responsibility, caring, fairness, and respect.

Woodrow W. Pinkerton, 63, volunteer fire police captain, Union Fire Company, Medford, died April 19, 2003, from injuries sustained when he was struck by a car while working at the scene of a motor vehicle accident in February 2003. He was a 20-year member and past vice president of the department. Pinkerton worked for Kings Grant Association as an Open Space Manager. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed hunting and fishing in LBI. Woody was a fun-loving jokester who was always there to help out someone in need.

Roy E. Prouty, 39, chief, Country Lakes Volunteer Fire Company, Browns Mills, died October 30, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while assisting with helicopter evacuation of an accident victim. An eight-year member of the department, he became chief in 1998. As chief, he helped increase fire department membership from five firefighters to over 50 firefighters. He also began EMS 183, a sub-unit of the fire company, and designed the company’s Web site. Prouty worked for the Department of Defense as a Logistics Team Leader at NAVAIR Lakehurst. He served in the U.S. Navy for 12 years and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. He organized the “Rescue Rangers” softball team.

Roy was the backbone of the company, putting the needs of his family first and leading by example.

Ralph Dawdy, 46, assistant chief, Animas Volunteer Fire & Rescue, died June 26, 2003, when the tanker he was driving overturned as he responded to a wildland fire. He was chief of the Cotton City Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years and served with Animas for eight years. A Search and Rescue Area Commander, he was responsible for leading searches in all areas of the state. Dawdy held a bachelor’s degree in animal science from New Mexico State University and had worked for Cotton City Pig and for Americulture, Inc. He was president of the Hidalgo County Farm Bureau and enjoyed camping, hiking, horseback riding, and high school sports. His passing is a tremendous loss for all those who knew him.
New York

Thomas Christopher Brick, 30, career firefighter, Fire Department of New York, died December 16, 2003, from burns and smoke inhalation suffered while conducting search and rescue operations at a warehouse fire. He was a member of FDNY’s first post-September 11th class, and served with Ladder 36. In June 2003, Brick was awarded the Thomas Elsasser Medal for bravery. He was a graduate of Nassau Community College and studied hotel service at the New York Institute of Technology. A memorial fund has been established in his name to provide an endowed scholarship at Holy Cross High School in Flushing.

Tommy was as enthusiastic about life as he was about being a firefighter. He was a devoted and loving father, a dear friend, a cherished son, a loyal brother, and a special uncle.

Stephen G. Gavin, 52, volunteer lieutenant, Susquehanna Hose Company #1 of the Owego Fire Department, died September 2, 2003, after suffering a heart attack six days earlier while fighting a lumber mill fire. A 34-year veteran with the department and a second-generation firefighter, he was an active member of several Firematic Hose Teams. In 2002, he and his three sons received a “Firefighter of the Year” award for their dedication to the department. Gavin also coached Little League, football, and basketball.

Stephen was a humble man who wanted no recognition or thanks for his efforts. He loved life, and his love for his family was immeasurable.

James J. O’Shea, 40, career firefighter, Fire Department of New York, died September 27, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at home after fighting an arson structure fire. A second-generation firefighter and 18-year veteran with the department, he was assigned to Ladder 127 in Queens. O’Shea was the first FDNY firefighter to die in the line of duty after September 11, 2001. He was also a longtime volunteer firefighter and had served with the Brentwood, East Brentwood, and Lakeland departments on Long Island. A former International Fireman of the Year, he won Firehouse Magazine’s 1986 Heroism Award for rescuing two boys from a fire. He read Shakespeare, enjoyed American history, and could sing all of the songs from the Disney classics.

If asked, Jimmy would have said that the greatest accomplishments of his life were his two sons.

George O. Wohl, Jr., 59, volunteer firefighter, Congers Fire Department, died December 13, 2003, from injuries sustained when he fell from a ladder while responding from his home to a fire call. A 34-year veteran, he had previously served as the department’s vice president. His two sons are members of the department, his father is a former member, and his brother is a fire commissioner. Wohl worked as an electrician with Local 363. He was an amateur historian, a railroad buff, and an avid postcard collector.

George was always there for his family and friends and will be missed by all who love him.

Lawrence J. “Larry” Yonkin, 56, volunteer chief, Forest View-Gang Mills Fire Department, Painted Post, died November 15, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after fighting a structure fire the previous day. Yonkin came from a family of firefighters and served as a firefighter for nearly 40 years. Recently retired from Corning, Inc., he had been Supervisor of Emergency Response for the corporation’s science research park. He was also working to upgrade town fire codes and policies. An EMS instructor, he had recently been appointed as an instructor for the New York State Fire Academy.

He had a passion for education and firefighting. That passion is part of the legacy he leaves to us, his survivors.

North Carolina

Terry W. Carroll, 51, volunteer firefighter, Coats-Grove Fire & Rescue, Inc., died January 7, 2003, after suffering a heart attack 11 days earlier while responding to an EMS call. He worked as a truck driver and had served with the department for six years.

He was very dedicated to the community.
Wayne Copeland, 50, career captain, Charlotte Fire Department, died January 25, 2003, after suffering a heart attack at the scene of a live burn training. He was a 23-year veteran with the department. Copeland was an Eagle Scout and an active scoutmaster and merit badge counselor. An avid wildlife advocate and conservationist, he climbed Mt. Rainier in 1981 and enjoyed taking his daughter rock climbing, camping, fishing, and hunting.

He touched so many people’s hearts.

Mark T. Franklin, 46, career engineer, Charlotte Fire Department, died November 30, 2003, from complications of surgery to repair a knee injury suffered in the line of duty in April 2003. A 21-year veteran with the department, he was assigned to Engine 2 and had previously served at Station 10. He held a degree in Physical Education from Catawba College.

Randy Neal Jones, 23, volunteer lieutenant, Cool Springs Fire Department, Statesville, died July 28, 2003, in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a structure fire. He joined the Explorer Post at age 14, became a senior trainer at age 18, and was named Squadman of the Year in 2000 and 2003. He helped start the department’s medical response program and personally responded to 90% of calls. Jones was also a captain with Iredell County Rescue Squad. He received a commendation from Wilson Security for his assistance at a 1998 car fire. He was a frequent blood donor and an organ donor. A scholarship program and an annual award have been established in his memory.

I don’t think he ever met a stranger. He was always helping someone.

Mark A. Morgan, 41, state ranger/firefighter, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, died April 28, 2003, when he collapsed after participating in a pack test required for eligibility to fight wildfires. A 12-year veteran with the forest service, he worked as a forest ranger at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest, with primary responsibilities in education and prevention, and was part of a wildland fire crew. An avid outdoorsman and naturalist, Morgan especially enjoyed spending time in the western North Carolina mountains. He was a Christian.

Mark was respected and loved by everyone who knew him.

Gerald Hayswood “Chief” Williams, 60, volunteer firefighter, Cool Springs Fire Department, Statesville, died September 30, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after participating in a training the previous evening. A 12-year veteran, he was a father figure within the department. His fellow firefighters gave him the nickname “Chief” because of his Cherokee heritage. Williams worked for Dana Corporation for 25 years and attended Union Chapel Baptist Church. He never missed an opportunity to see his grandchildren play soccer, even if it meant traveling out of state.

Gerald, thank you for loving us so, for serving your fellow man, and for being a friend. We miss your smile!

Ohio

Oscar Armstrong, III, 25, career firefighter, Cincinnati Fire Department, died March 21, 2003, when he was caught in a flashover while fighting a residential structure fire. He served with the department for three years and was assigned to Engine Company 9 in North Avondale. He was a member of the Cincinnati African American Firefighters Association and Local #48. His interest in firefighting began when he helped rescue a fellow student from a dorm fire at Wright State University. Armstrong had worked with children with autism and behavioral disorders and in substance abuse prevention. He was an avid photographer who enjoyed reading and home improvement projects.

Ozzie’s life was distinguished because of his dedication to family and friends and his passion for helping others.
Ohio (cont.)

John August Garman, 42, volunteer firefighter, New Bremen-German Township Fire Department, died October 1, 2003, when an explosion occurred at a silo fire. Another firefighter also died in this incident. A 10-year veteran with the department, Garman followed in the footsteps of his brother and father to become a firefighter. He coordinated the department's fire prevention programs and spent many hours cleaning, doing odd jobs at the station, and enjoying the camaraderie with his fellow firefighters. He was employed at Crown Equipment in New Bremen. His 16 nieces and nephews were his greatest pride, joy, and love.

His laughter at family gatherings cannot be replaced, but will not be forgotten. John was a man of great faith whose love and belief showed in his daily life.

Kenneth J. Jutte, 44, volunteer firefighter, New Bremen-German Township Fire Department, died October 1, 2003, when an explosion occurred at a silo fire. A 19-year veteran with the department, he served five years as an officer and was involved with the Rope Rescue and Hazmat Teams. He also served on the Rescue Squad when there were not enough volunteers. Jutte volunteered at Holy Redeemer Church as a Eucharistic minister and member of the church council. He coached youth soccer, softball, and baseball teams for many years.

Ken was a wonderful man who lived life to the fullest. He wanted to do it all and always gave 100%.

Richard A. Long, 56, volunteer firefighter, Gallipolis Fire Department, died April 3, 2003, when the pumper he was driving left the roadway and overturned as he responded to a brush fire. A 32-year veteran with the department, he retired from M&G Polymers and had also worked for Goodyear and Shell. Long was a Vietnam veteran. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose #731 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and enjoyed hunting and golfing.

Richard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and spirited firefighter.

Oregon

Richard W. Black, 57, pilot, Weyerhaeuser, Eugene Helicopter Operation, died October 14, 2003, when his helicopter crashed while scouting water holes for future forest fire suppression. A member of the Oregon Department of Forestry also died in this incident. A long-time pilot with over 15,000 hours of flight time, Black had flown for the company for 19 years. He received an award from the Oregon Department of Forestry for discovering and initiating attack action on the Orchard Road Fire. A Vietnam veteran, he served as a helicopter pilot for six years in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He enjoyed tennis, skiing, rafting, biking, and cooking.

Dick's love for flying was only surpassed by his love of family, friends, and life itself. His presence brought joy to all who knew him.

Larry A. Brown, 53, career captain, Kingsley Field Fire Department, Klamath Falls, died February 21, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after performing duties at the fire station. A 24-year veteran with the department, he was named Firefighter of the Year in 1987 and promoted to captain in 1990. He previously worked at Hanna Nickel Mine and as a tree faller for Putnam and International Paper. Brown served in the U.S. Army from 1969-71. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the NRA. He loved hunting and fishing with his family in eastern Oregon.

Larry was well-liked by everyone. He believed everyone needed to have integrity, be trustworthy, and do the right things.
Paul E. Gibson, 24, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a van accident while returning home from fighting the South Fork Fire in Idaho. Eight First Strike firefighters died in this incident. Gibson helped with NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia recovery mission. When not fighting fires, he worked in local mills. He enjoyed working on his house and spending times outdoors.

David Kelly Hammer, 38, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. Hammer had struggled to find his way in life, but seemed to have found his place as a firefighter. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Kelly is remembered as a good friend by many. He will truly be missed by his two sisters and all of his friends.

Randall Harmon, 44, pilot, Superior Helicopter, LLC, Grants Pass, Bureau of Indian Affairs contractor, died July 25, 2003, when his helicopter crashed as he dropped water on a fire in northeast Washington. A pilot for over 20 years, he had worked with Superior Helicopters for seven years. Harmon had over 9,500 hours of flight time and flew jobs including local high-line logging, dam building in New Guinea, oil exploration in South America, and spotting for a tuna fleet in Mexico. He enjoyed riding horses, tinkering with classic cars, lifting weights, and woodworking. He designed his family's modified A-frame home.

He loved to fly. He was the family's pillar.

Jeffrey D. Hengel, 20, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. A passionate cook, he graduated from Western Culinary Institute in Portland in 2002 and completed an externship at Arnaud's, a five-star restaurant in New Orleans. Hengel was working his second summer as a firefighter, saving his money for an upcoming trip to France. He had signed up to go to Antarctica in October 2003 to cook for the scientists there for a year. He enjoyed the outdoors, metal detecting, fishing, and eating pizza.

He was very giving of himself and loved to see others happy. He had definitely made the world a better place.

Jesse D. James, 22, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. He was hired by First Strike in 2001 and assisted with NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia recovery mission. James enjoyed the outdoors—camping, fishing, and skateboarding. He was teaching himself to play guitar. The light of his life was his three-year-old son.

Jesse was a loving father, son, and grandson. We will all truly miss him in our lives.

Thomas Howard Kistler, 53, volunteer captain, Polk County Fire District #1, died March 19, 2003, when a fire engine crashed en route to a hazardous materials drill. A 25-year veteran with the department, he received numerous awards over the years, including Firefighter of the Year, Medic of the Year, and Night Owl, for the most responses during night hours. Kistler was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in Vietnam and a 30-year member of the Oregon National Guard. His love of the water led him to establish a fire department water rescue team. In addition to life as a "professional volunteer," he worked transporting handicapped and elderly people.

He found his passion, working with and serving people in all areas of his life. He was dedicated to anything in which he was involved.
**Remembrances**

**OREGON (cont.)**

D. Craig Mackey, 53, state forest unit supervisor, Oregon Department of Forestry, Western Lane District, died October 14, 2003, when a helicopter crashed while scouting water holes for future forest fire suppression. A 29-year veteran with the department, he held the position of Air Attack, was qualified as Air Operations Branch Director, and was a fire investigator. As Training and Prevention Officer for the district, he was responsible for training hundreds of structural and wildland firefighters and state and federal employees. He was a skilled craftsman who enjoyed the outdoors, working on the family tree farm, motorcycles, baseball, and music.

*Craig will always be remembered as a devoted family man. His work ethic, sense of humor, and his wonderful engaging smile will live on forever.*

Richard Burt "Richie" Moore, II, 21, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. A 2000 high school graduate, it was his second summer working for First Strike. Impressed by how much people in the local communities appreciated the fire crews, Moore planned on a career in the fire service. He participated in NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia recovery mission. He enjoyed building and fixing things, riding dirt bikes, collecting baseball cards, and playing several musical instruments. A car enthusiast, he bought, financed, and rebuilt a '69 Ford Mustang.

*From the first time we held our tiny, blue-eyed baby boy, he began to brighten our lives. He gave us 21 years of joy, pride, laughter, and love. Everywhere he went, he made friends.*

Leland "David" Price, Jr., 26, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. He was working his second summer as a contract firefighter. He dreamed of working in Alaska on a fishing boat or as a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service. Price enjoyed dirt bikes, remote-control aviation, and mechanics. He was known for his ability to "talk your ear off" and as a lover of the outdoors who couldn't stand to be inside during the day.

*David left his mark on each and every person that he ever met. If he could help in any way, he was right there doing it.*


*Mark was a very energetic kid who liked to be outside working and playing. Every time he came home he had stories to tell.*

Ricardo M. Ruiz, 19, firefighter, First Strike Environmental, Roseburg, Oregon Department of Forestry contractor, died August 24, 2003, in a multiple-fatality van accident. A 2002 high school graduate, he made special arrangements to complete graduation requirements early so he could begin work before the end of the school year. Ruiz had just gotten his first driver's license and was working on his red Honda CRX. He enjoyed swimming, fishing, rappelling, and camping near the Umpqua River.

*Ricky found his perfect job. It was interesting, it was outdoors, and it was dangerous.*

**PENNSYLVANIA**

James P. Allen, 43, career firefighter, Philadelphia Fire Department, died October 7, 2003, after he collapsed while doing roof ventilation at a structure fire. The son of a retired Philadelphia firefighter, Allen served with the department for seven years and was assigned to Ladder Company 16. He was the company's union steward.
Thomas W. DiOrio, Sr., 70, volunteer fire police lieutenant, West Whiteland Fire Company, died November 30, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack while directing traffic at the scene of a residential fire. A 10-year veteran with the department, he began volunteering after his retirement from Conrail. DiOrio helped support his wife through several occurrences of breast cancer and always showed up when one of his grandchildren required the occasional late night ER visit. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He dedicated his life to providing and caring for his family. We all knew we were loved and the most important thing in his life.

Keith Robert Hess, 22, career firefighter/EMT, Fannett-Metal Fire & Ambulance Company, died January 20, 2003, when he was trapped after a chimney collapsed at a structure fire. From a firefighting family, he served with the department for three years. Hess also volunteered with West End Fire & Rescue Company, where he was a lieutenant and was named Rookie of the Year and Firefighter of the Year. He enjoyed hunting, riding his 4-wheeler, driving his restored 1984 Dodge Ram pickup, and spending time with family. A memorial fund established in his name provides scholarships and contributes to the Child’s Dream Weekend, a charity he supported.

We are so proud of the person Keith had become. His passion and spirit will live forever.

James William McAuley, 78, fire police officer, Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company, died January 17, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after directing traffic at the scene of a car fire. A firefighter for 57 years, he served for 12 years with Polk Township. He was a life member of Capital View Fire Company in Morrisville and the Bucks County Fire Police and a member of the Polk Township and Towamensing Fire Companies. His son also served as a firefighter for 25 years. McAuley retired from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission in 1989. He was a member of Penn Morris Lodge #778 and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He was real good guy—one of a kind. He was very concerned about everyone’s welfare and never complained about anything.

William F. Ramsey, 42, firefighter, Connellsville Township Volunteer Fire Department, died September 9, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at the station after returning from a fire call. He served with the department for four years and was its financial secretary. He also acted as a liaison between the department and the local businesses and community and was a member of the Fayette County Hazmat Team. Ramsey owned the local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant and was an active member of numerous fraternal organizations. A scholarship has been established in his name to help graduating high school seniors who plan a career in emergency services or nursing.

Although Bill is no longer with us, his memory and the lessons he taught us will remain with us forever.

Donald Schreckengast, 55, volunteer fire police officer, Logan Fire Company, Bellefonte, died June 14, 2003, after he collapsed while directing traffic at a parade. A 25-year veteran with the department, he was also a member of Citizens Hook and Ladder Company in Milesburg and a member of the Central District Volunteer Firemen’s Association.

Isaac D. Tshudy, 62, volunteer fire police, Lickdale Community Fire Company, Jonestown, died March 30, 2003, after he collapsed while directing traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle accident. A ten-year veteran with the department, he was president of the local firemen’s relief association. He worked as a township zoning officer and had served in the military. Tshudy was an accomplished furniture maker and built pews for the restoration of Monroe Valley Chapel, using an original pew as a pattern. He sang bass in his church choir.

He was a very outgoing person and a pleasure to be around. He would do anything for you.
Remembrances

Pennsylvania (Cont.)

William A. Whalen, Sr., volunteer fire police officer, Sussex Fire Department, died when he suffered a heart attack while responding to the scene of an earlier accident. He served with the U.S. Air Force for four years and retired after 30 years as a civilian at Litchfield Army Depot. Active with the fire department for only six months, he helped with fundraisers and had assisted in some events of his home so he wouldn’t miss a call.

He was a friend to everybody. He was kind, caring, understanding, and committed.

South Dakota

Matthew O. Haines, 30, volunteer firefighter, Raven Fire Rescue Department, died July 11, 2003, from injuries sustained the previous day when a rescue vehicle exploded as he gave a demonstration on airbag use to other firefighters. Haines worked as a salesmen for a fire supply firm. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and woodworking and was always busy with projects around the house. He celebrated his 30th birthday with a huge party and had purchased a shiny, red pickup truck (current fire truck).

He lived constructively and fully. Above all else, he was a friend, a citizen, and a father.

Tennessee

Jason Lee Ellis, 29, volunteer firefighter, Lawrence Fire Department, died May 28, 2003, from injuries sustained when he fell from the back of a pickup truck a week earlier after training at the state fire academy. He was active with the department for five years and faithfully attended meetings and completed over the most initial tasks of equipment maintenance without complaint. Ellis worked full-time for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, where he had served in corrections, communications, patrol, DARE, and as a Training Officer Sergeant.

Jason epitomized service and sacrifice above all. He had this unique, innate way of being very special to everyone he met, and he made this world a better place for us all.

Samuel Lee Grant, 10, career private, Shelby County Fire Department, died July 21, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack at the station after responding to a call earlier in the day. A 22-year veteran with the department, he received numerous service awards during his tenure and planned to retire in two years. On what would have been his 10th birthday, a pump was dedicated in his memory at Station 19, where he started his employment as a firefighter. Shelby County's mayor also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to recognizes his service. Grant was a beloved contributor to Union Way Charities.

He was a dedicated friend to his fellow firefighters, a talented artist, and adored by his wife.

Trent A. Kirk, 29, career lieutenant, Memphis Fire Department, died June 13, 2003, from injuries sustained when a roof collapsed on firefighters rescuing the occupants in an attic area fire. Another firefighter also died in this incident. As an 11-year veteran with the department, Kirk received the Medal of Honor in 1999 for rescuing a child from a burning home. He spent many hours studying firefighting procedures to ensure his crew would be safe, and many officers assigned to him accepted the rank of Driver under his leadership. Kirk and his wife created a non-profit business called Kirk's Designs, which won two Vinnie Home Show awards for Best Interior Design and Woodworkings.

Most importantly, Trent was a loving, caring, and devoted husband and a three-loving, happy, hard-filled, Christian mother who led by example for his two daughters.
Charles A. Zachary, Sr., career officer, Memphis Fire Department, died June 26, 2003, from injuries sustained the previous day when a snel collapsed during an aussie stove fire. A 19-year veteran with the department, he followed in the footsteps of his father, who retired from the department as a lieutenant. Known as a police officer at his funeral, Zachary enjoyed playing golf, baseball, fishing, and hunting on his own. After graduating from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp and served in the Tennessee National Guard.

Ossail will be missed and remembered by his friends and family and forever in our hearts.

Title:

Winzie Kevin Clark, Sr., Firefighter, Dallas Fire-Rescue, died January 17, 2003, after collapsing during a physical training session. A man strong, his acceptance into the department was a major step toward the human being of becoming a paramedic. A native of Trinidad, West Indies, he came to the U.S. with his parents and brothers in 1970. Clark retired as a captain after serving 35 years with the U.S. Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan, Korea, and several U.S. states. After his retirement, he worked with troubled youth in Oklahoma and later for the Texas Department of Human Services.

He was such a joy to be around. Many people told us of the things he did and what a wonderful person he was.

Charles Flowers, Sr., 43, assistant chief, New Caney Volunteer Fire Department, died December 28, 1993, after suffering a heart attack at the scene of a motor vehicle accident in November 1993. A 25-year veteran with the department, he held every position during his tenure. He had a special interest in helping the younger volunteers and encouraging them to further their education in the fire service. He was the first one to donate money to a self-defense and survival course for help pay for classes. A NASCAR fan, Flowers had the habit of working on the first crew squad at the inaugural race in Fort Worth.

Charlie's devotion to the fire department was never touched by adversity.

Romeo A. "Ricky" Gonzales, Sr., career district chief, Beaumont Fire Department, died November 1, 2003, after suffering a heart attack nearly two weeks earlier following responses to several calls. A 27-year veteran with the department, his brother and nephew followed in his footsteps to become firefighters. It's recognition his love of golf and the other he placed on education, an annual golf tournament has been established in memory of Gonzales to fund educational scholarships. He also enjoyed hunting and was very active in his church.

Seeing others was not something that did not do at all. It was truly his way of life. He will always be missed and will never be forgotten.

Charles G. Krenzle, 40, 10-year aviation specialist, Texas Forest Service, Lufkin, died March 27, 2003, when a USDA Forest Service helicopter crashed while searching for debris as part of NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia recovery mission. A 25-year veteran with the Texas Forest Service, he retired without written firefighter. Krenzle received Honesty's Award in 1994 and 1995 and a Best Nonfiction Unit Award in 1994. He was known as an ambassador for working with external agencies and the public. Krenzle was a key member and worked with small groups at the First Assembly of God Family Church in Lufkin.

This guy was a good man in every way that you could describe him. He genuinely cared about other people.

Major "Los" Mathews, Jr., battalion chief, LaBelle Volunteer Fire Department, Beaumont, died March 11, 2003, when he was struck by an 18-wheeler as he crossed the highway to reach the scene of a motor vehicle accident. A 2000 graduate of Housslin-Jaxor High School, he attended Lufkin University for a short time before joining the fire department. A genuine, hard-working person, Mathews was willing to hang Christmas lights, help with building projects, run marathons—anything to help someone. He was a real husband.

Never have I met someone so genuine. He was so proud to be a part of the department. I think he showed that pride to everyone he met.
**FRANK ROSENFELD**

Stephen L. McGregor, 42, firefighter, Rapid Volunteer Fire Department, died March 8, 2003, after he collapsed while fighting a brush fire with the department on his own property. He began volunteering in 2000 after serving as President of Field Inns, Inc., in Dublin and moving to the small community of Rapid. McGregor was active in the Dallas chapter of the American Institute of Architects, which awarded him the President's Gold Medal for outstanding service. In Dublin, he helped build a playground for the local elementary school and put up Christmas lights in the neighborhood each year. He was active in the Oak Creek Lions Club.

Rice brought joy to his family, friends, and colleagues with his energetic wit, gentle smile, and giving heart. He was the ultimate rock in a world where all could depend.

Gary Lue “Dave” Waker, 31, firefighter, Boston Volunteer Fire Department, died January 29, 2003, when an explosion occurred during a fire in an auto showroom, after he had rescued several other firefighters out of the building. Waker graduated from the Cleveland Fire Academy in 2001 and was named Rookie of the Year. He worked as an instructor for Standard Firefighter Company.

The evening and on his days off, he could often be found at the fire station. A memorial scholarship fund was established, and there are currently five people attending the fire academy as Gary Waker Scholarships.

Gary devoted his life to being a firefighter and to becoming the best person. He died serving the community he loved and will always be remembered for his devotion and sacrifice.

**JAMES E. TAYLOR,** 59, volunteer firefighter

EMT, Boston Fire Department, died January 29, 2003, when the ambulance in which he was riding was struck head-on while responding to a motor vehicle accident. He was the fourth firefighter to be killed in the department, where he had volunteered since high school. He was instrumental in helping the Boston department apply for a federal grant to pay for additional fire protection gear. Taylor also worked as a part-time EMT with Lincoln County EMS. He helped coordinate the Mark Wachter program for students at Peabody High School, his alma mater, and was involved every year with the Blank Children's Hospital program.

He was so devoted to his wife and children. He went around an opportunity to express his love for all of us.

**VERMONT**

Bruce Flamboyant Young, 45, volunteer firefighter, Middlebury Fire Department, died March 9, 2003, after he collapsed as he was leaving the station to respond to a call. A 17-year veteran with the department, he also served one year with the Middlebury Rescue Squad. Every Saturday morning, he went to the station to train and polish the ladder truck. A lifelong member of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Vermont and a member of the Masonic Fireman's Association, Young enjoyed reading, boating, fishing, hiking, music, and theater.

He was the life of his life, and his presence filled a room.
Remembrances

Richard J. Thibodeau, 67, career East Lyme (Connecticut), Clark County Fire District #1, died November 17, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack during required physical training at the station. He served with Clark County Fire District #1, 11, and 12 over a period of 17 years and had also worked as a paramedic for American Medical Response, North Country EMS, Back Medical Services, and American Ambulance. He was an Avionics Technician in the U.S. Navy from 1981 to 1991. Thibodeau was active in the LDS church, where he participated in the scouting program and young men's leadership organizations. He enjoyed camping, hiking, fishing, and playing games with his wife and sons.

If you were to ask Jim who he was, he would respond with an unhesitant smile, "I am a son of God." His positive attitude was felt by all.

West Virginia

Bart D. Lanks, 45, firefighter, Barbour Volunteer Fire Department, died August 13, 2003, when he was struck by a fire truck at the station after the department received a call. A 28-year veteran with the department, Lanks was killed at the station for a week during a storm with one of the other firefighters who was accompanied by the station and responded to a call. His two sons are also members of the department. Lanks worked in a rural area but made a special trip for Eastern State University, Harris Division, and was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was a member of the Church of God for 14 years.

Bart was a loving and dedicated individual. And, now,October, and true friend. He lived among the community and helping others.

Jeffrey Allen Yaga, 45, volunteer firefighter, Amherst Fire District, died November 19, 2003, when he suffered a heart attack after responding to the scene of a motor vehicle accident. He was a 15-year volunteer with the department, he served on a hundred of calls. At that time, his wife and also a volunteer with the department. Yaga was active member of the Putnam County Fire Investigators' Task Force for three years. His heart was lost, reaching his grandson CPU and here to be a firefighter.

Jeff was the heart of his family, friends, community, and fire department. He is remembered as a good friend to many people and will never be forgotten.

Edward J. Weber, 54, volunteer chief, Elkhart Lake Fire Department, died April 13, 2003, when he collapsed at the scene of the third fire he had battled that day. A 13-year veteran with the department, he served as chief for the last six years and led across the area from the fire department. Weber was assistant coach for the Elkhart Lake High School football team for 25 years and was an officer at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. His and his family managed Finamore's Park in Elkhart Lake.

Ed will forever be remembered in our hearts with his warm, friendly smile, quick wit, some of lessons, and passion for firefighting.
Remembrances

FIREFIGHTERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

2002

Mark S. Edwards, 62, volunteer engineer, Concern Fire Protection District, died January 29, 2002, from complications of an injury sustained while on duty in March 2001. He joined the department after moving to the Concern area in 1996 and spent almost every weekend for two years completing various firefighting classes. He served one year as assistant chief. Edwards had an unquenchable love for the outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

Mark was the kind of person who didn’t always show on the first or make a big impression. He was kind, caring, and loyal to everyone. He will be missed being a part of the team.

2001

William R. Paul, 44, firefighter, Racine Volunteer Fire Department, Racine, died June 2, 2001, from injuries sustained in an accident while the department was on standby at a local airport. A U.S. Navy veteran, he retired from the Department of Defense in 1995. Paul worked for Ward & West Waroe. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

1982

Theodore J. Wolcomb, 60, career firefighter, Chicago Fire Department, died May 10, 1982, from a heart attack related to overwork, obesity, and alcoholism. In March 1981. A 20-year veteran with the department, he served with Squad 6, Engine Squad 1, and Truck 14. His two brothers were also Chicago firefighters, and his son was a lieutenant with the department, working in the same area in which he did service. Wolcomb was known as a generous cook who kept a home and at the station and was an avid golfer and tennis player. The Clear Ridge Little League perpetually honored him for his fundraising and coaching efforts. He was also active in scouting.

Teddy taught us life to its fullest, 166 years ago, that the world is one.
Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit Foundation has developed and expanded programs that honor those who serve. Its mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives.

**Sponsor the Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend.**

Each October, the Foundation sponsors the official national tribute to all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year. Thousands attend the weekend activities that include special programs for survivors and counselors along with moving public ceremonies.

**Help Survivors Attend the Weekend.**

The Foundation provides travel, lodging and meals for immediate survivors of fallen firefighters being honored. This helps survivors participate in Family Day sessions led by trained grief counselors and in the public ceremonies.

**Our Support Programs for Survivors.**

When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, the Foundation provides survivors with a plan to turn. Families receive emotional assistance through a Peer Support Services Network. This Network matches survivors with similar experiences and circumstances. This contact can be an important part of their healing. Families receive newsletters and specialized grief resources. A Web site provides information on Federal, State and local survivor benefits and other resources. A survivor financial handbook will provide instruction.

**Board Scholarships to Fire Service Survivors.**

Siblings, children and stepchildren of fallen firefighters are eligible for scholarship assistance for education and job training costs. Since 1997, survivors have received over $350,000 in scholarship awards.

**Help Departments Deal with Line-of-Duty Deaths.**

Under a Department of Justice grant, the Foundation offers training to help fire departments handle line-of-duty deaths. Departments receive extensive peer-counselor planning support. Immediately after a death, a Chief-to-Chief Network provides technical assistance and personal support to help a department and the survivors.

**Prevent Line-of-Duty Deaths and Injuries.**

Building a coalition with major fire and safety organizations, the Foundation has launched Everyone Goes Home, a national program to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries. The main goal is to reduce line-of-duty firefighter deaths by 27 percent in 7 years.

**Create a National Memorial Park.**

The Foundation is expanding the national memorial site in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to create the first permanent national park honoring all firefighters. The park includes a Visitors Center of Honor that connects the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel and the official national monument. Restoration of the historic Chapel begins in 2003 and will include a temporary Visitor Center.
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