



ASHLEY BERRY

EMT

City of Richmond Fire and Emergency Services
Chesterfield, Va

End of service: 11/29/2019

Age: 33

Circumstances: Gunfire



Ashley's Contributions in Life:

Lt. Berry passed away on November 29, 2019, in Hopewell, VA, while off duty. Lt. Berry's last act was to shield her five-year-old son from the gunfire. Lt. Berry was a valued member of the City of Richmond Fire Department family and the community as she served proudly since January 29, 2011. She had recently been assigned to the Fire Marshals Office. She leaves behind three children.

HARVEY CONNER



Paramedic

Oklahoma City Community College/ Midwest City EMS

Midwest City, OK

End of service: 6/5/2019

Age: 64

Circumstances: Illness



Harvey's Contributions in Life:

Harvey was one of the first paramedics in Oklahoma and an EMS educator responsible for educating hundreds of EMS providers at all levels. Although his health deteriorated and he was confined to a wheelchair, he continued working for Midwest City EMS teaching and doing CQI. He spent decades teaching at Oklahoma City Community College. Harvey received numerous state awards including the Bev Doyle Award and Educator of the Year Awards from the Oklahoma EMT Association and was previously nominated for the NAEMSE Unsung Hero Award.



ALAN COOKE

EMT

FDNY EMS

Brooklyn, NY

End of service: 4/9/2017

Age: 55

Circumstances: Surgical Complications



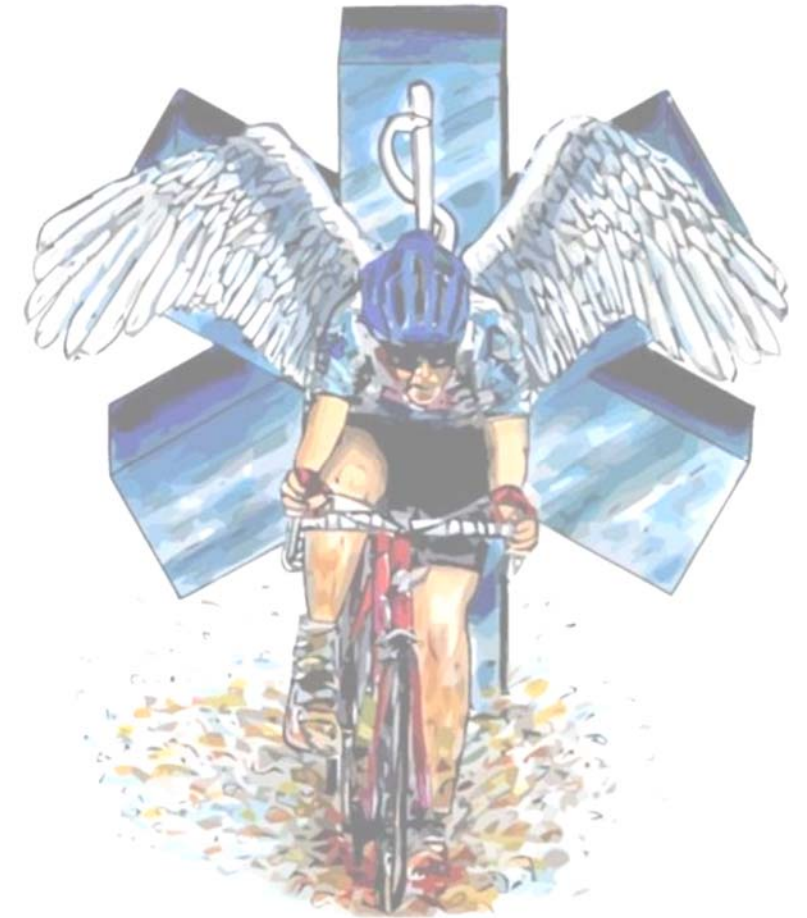
Alan's Contributions in Life:

Alan began his career with NYC EMS in 1986 during the HHC days and continued after FDNY took over EMS in 1996. He loved his job and the people with whom he worked. Alan was a Master Grill Man, who would take charge of the grill at station Bar B Ques. Football was such a passion for Alan that he devoted his free time to coach a Jr Pee Wee team, Brooklyn Skyhawks. Alan truly loved his five grown children, seven grandchildren, three brothers, and his two sisters. Alan loved to read and share his knowledge and experience with everyone while sitting on his dock in Conyers, GA, where he hoped to retire.



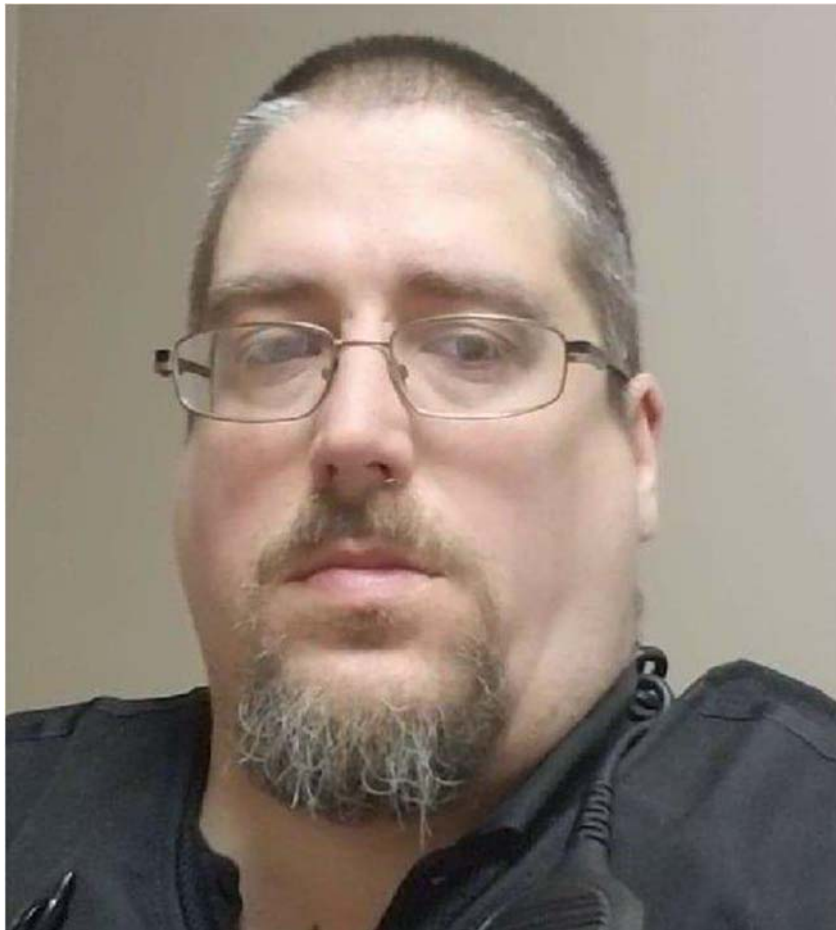
ED DAGDICK

Paramedic
Wauconda Fire Department
Ingleside, IL
End of service: 3/26/2019
Age: 61
Circumstances: Cancer



Ed's Contributions in Life:

During his lifelong career, Ed became a flight medic for a few years, lead instructor for the paramedic program, an instructor for IFSI, an instructor at the community college, and made his way to deputy chief of the fire department. Ed retired in December of 2018 after 38 years in the service. Ed's hobbies included teaching, spending time with the grandkids, and camping. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.



THEODORE DYBUS

Paramedic

Veterans Memorial Ambulance Service

Ashville, PA

End of service: 2/1/2020

Age: 45

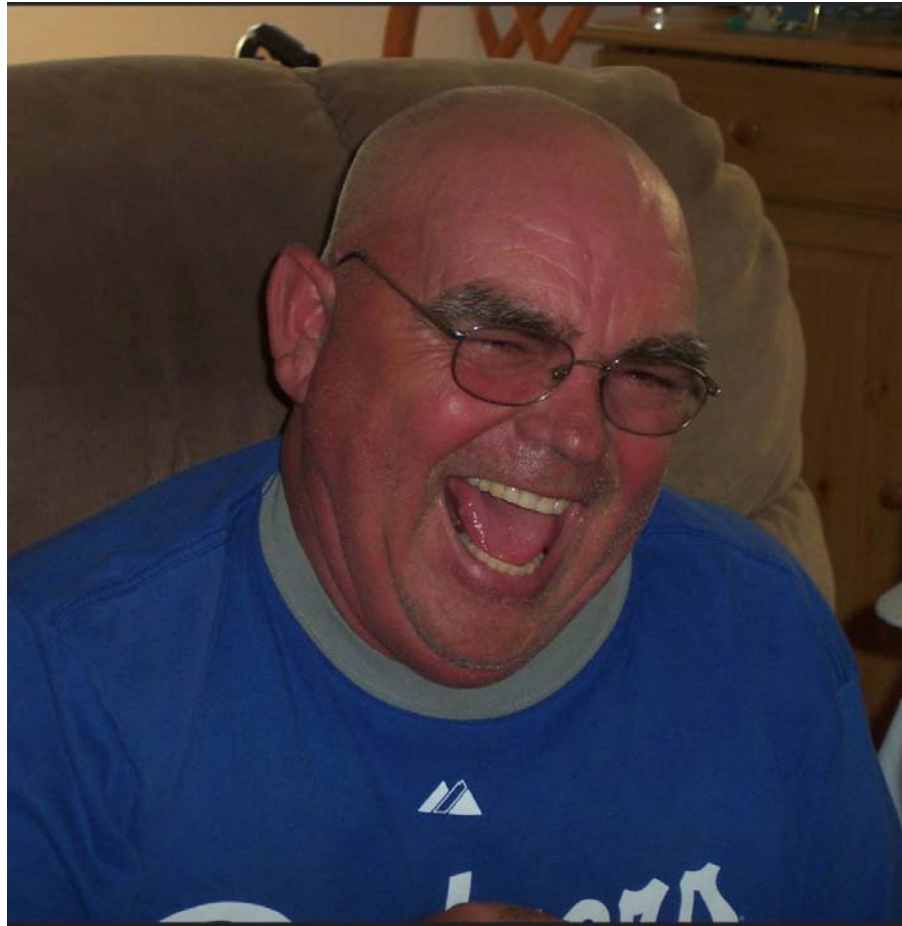
Circumstances: Medical LODD



Theodore's Contributions in Life:

Teddy worked as a paramedic for Veterans Ambulance Service in Northern Cambria and as a Police Officer for Vintondale Police. Additionally, he worked part-time for Med Van Transport and John Carroll EMS. A member of Mt. Top Sportsmen's, social member of Ashville VFW, and a member of Jaffa Shriners.

LARRY ETHERTON



First Responder
Contra Costa County Fire Department
Rio Vista, CA
End of service: 10/23/2019
Age: 73
Circumstances: Heart Attack



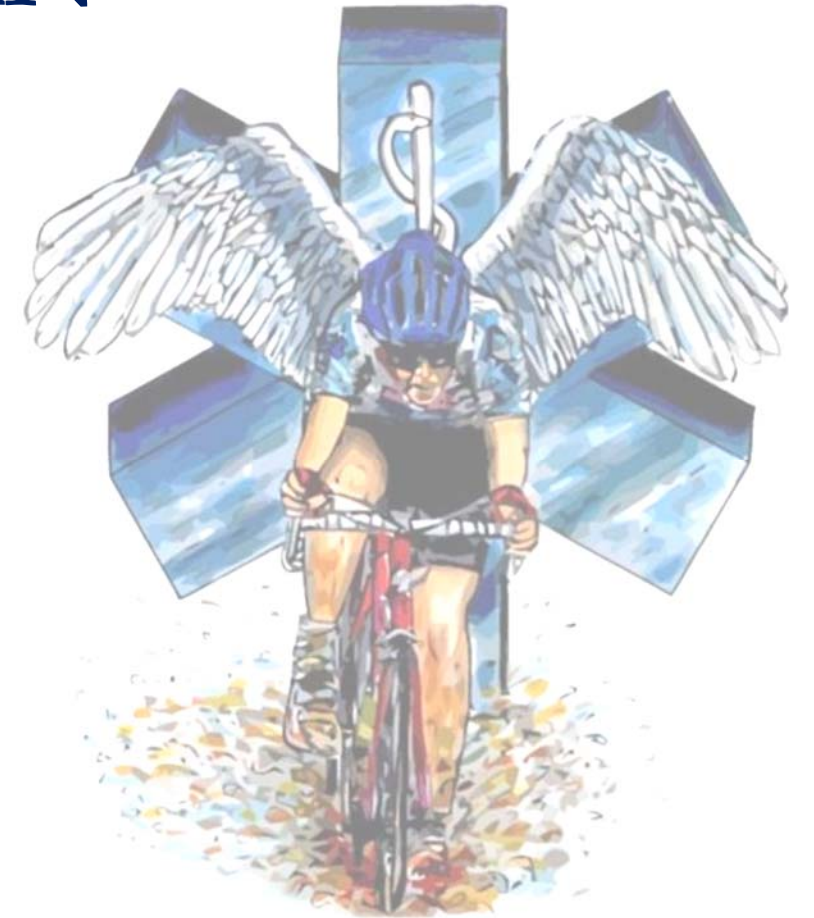
Larry's Contributions in Life:

Larry was the kindest, most giving firefighter I have ever met. He was a mentor to many and a friend to all.

DIANE APSLEY HOFFMAN



EMT
Branchburg Rescue Squad
Readington, NJ
End of service: 2/2/2020
Age: 60
Circumstances: Cancer



Diane's Contributions in Life:

Diane was known as "Momma D." and "DeDe." Diane served as a volunteer EMT, Past President and Life Member Branchburg Rescue Squad, and as an EMS educator with Robert Wood Barnabas Health. Diane's other interests included horses, spending time with her family, a 4-H leader in Somerset County, and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.



COLEMAN LOADHOLT

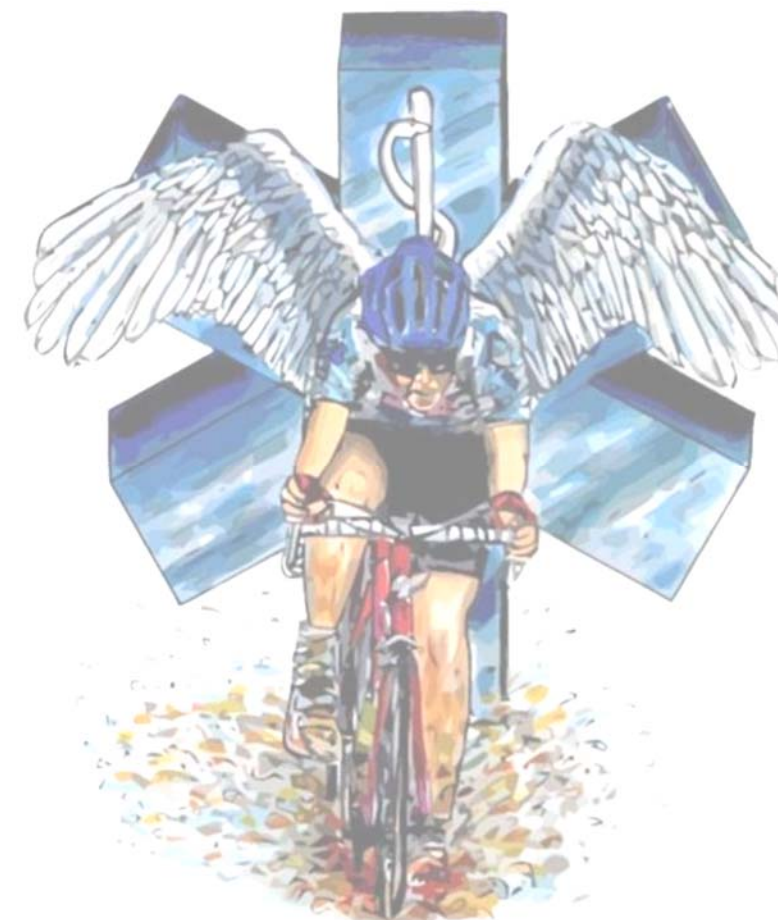
EMT

Jasper County, SC Fire Rescue
Brunson, SC

End of service: 6/21/2019

Age: 52

Circumstances: Cardiac Related



Coleman's Contributions in Life:

Coleman was a fulltime Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with Jasper County where he was a Senior Officer. He also worked with the Brunson Volunteer Fire Department where he was a Captain. He had received the Life Saver Award in Jasper County and the Firefighter of the Year and Officer of the Year awards in Brunson. He was a member of the South Carolina Firefighters Association, enjoyed riding motorcycles and was an excellent mechanic. He was a member of St. Nicholas Lutheran Church in Allendale County.



SUSAN MEYER

Field Mobile Intensive Care Nurse

Life Medical Industries

Stockton, CA

End of service: 7/2/2019

Age: 68

Circumstances: Aspergellous's of the Lungs



Susan's Contributions in Life:

Susan Meyer graduated from Misericordia School of Nursing, Philadelphia in 1971. Sue dedicated her entire life to caring for others. Sue fell in love with Trauma Care and Emergency Care and was certified as a Field Mobile Intensive Care Nurse in 1976 in San Joaquin County California, where her interactions with the field paramedics began. Sue opted to work in the field side by side with the Paramedics as she always looked at the Paramedics and EMT's as an important and vital chain in the healthcare circle of care. Sue is survived by Lou Meyer, a Former Paramedic and EMS Executive.



SHAWN MORTON

Dispatcher

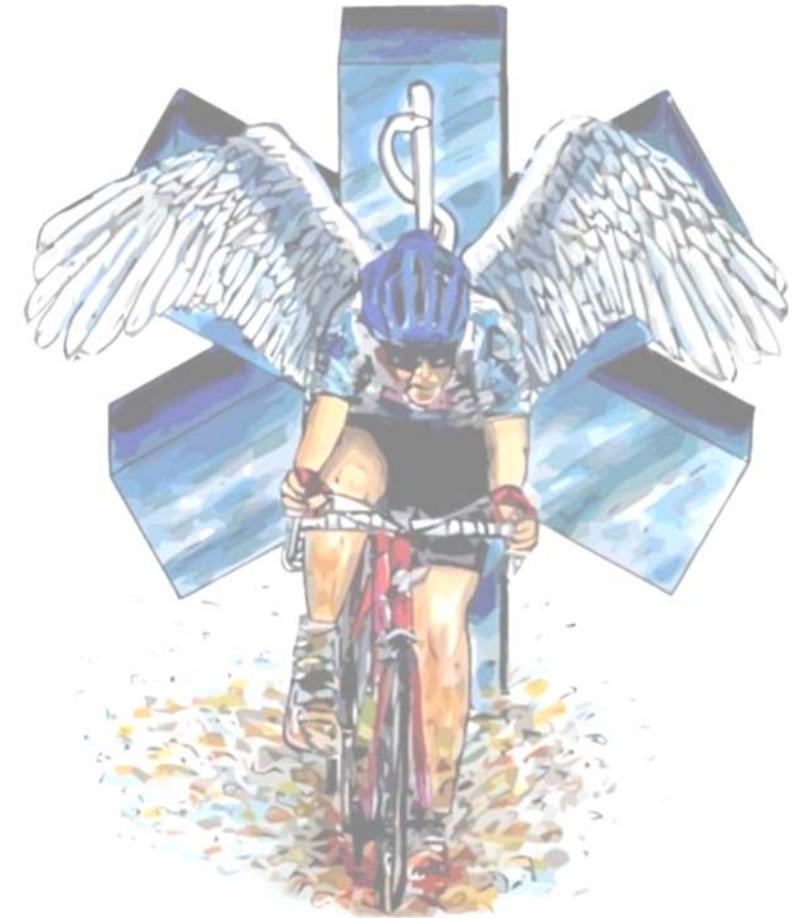
AHN LifeFlight

Yukon, PA

End of service: 11/9/2019

Age: 48

Circumstances: Cardiac Arrest



Shawn's Contributions in Life:

Shawn was devoted to his family and was employed as a dispatcher for LifeFlight. He was a US Army veteran of the 14th Quartermaster that served in Iraq. He enjoyed the outdoors and traveling and was an "aspiring RV owner." He was a faithful brother of the Emergency Medical Services community and was known for his dedication and service.

STERLING NICHOLS



Paramedic

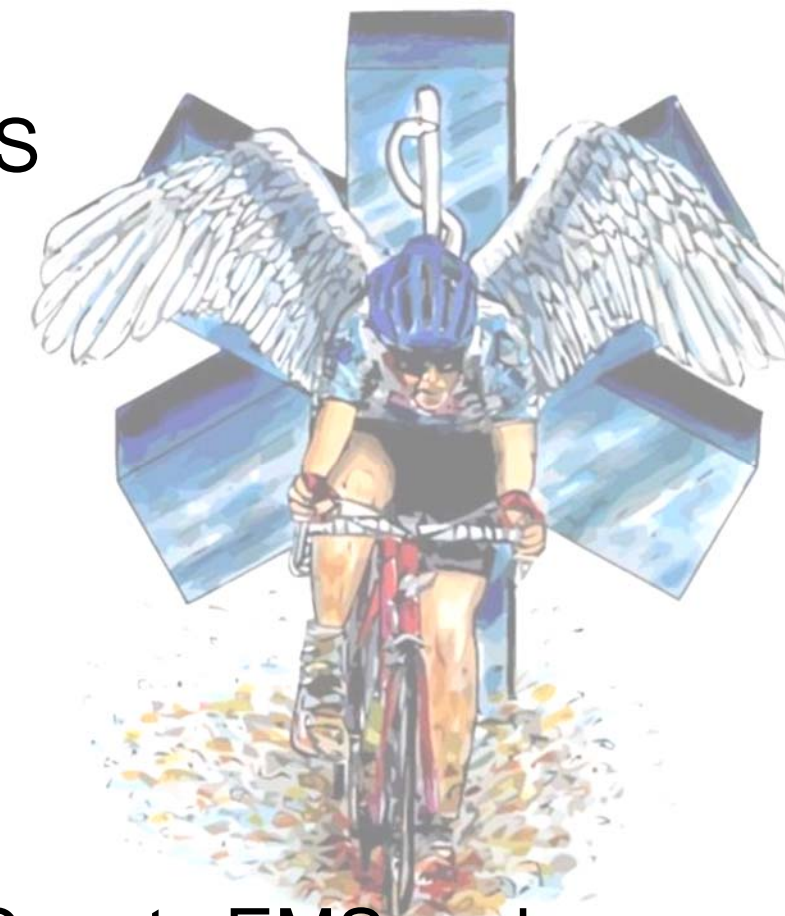
Muskogee County EMS/ Pfafford EMS

Muskogee, OK

End of service: 6/27/2019

Age: 53

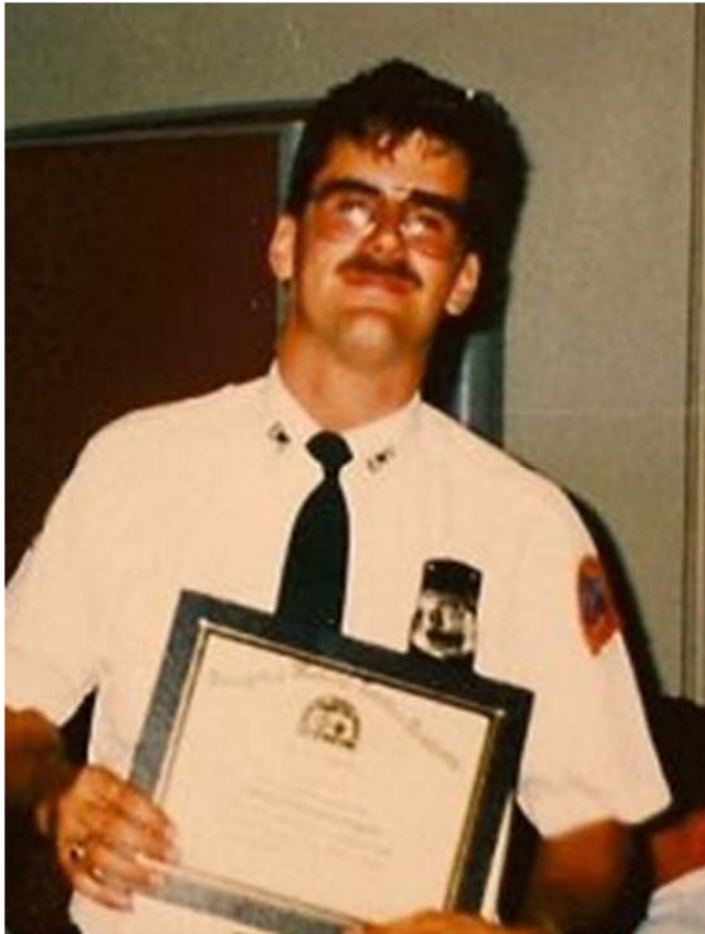
Circumstances: Cancer



Sterling's Contributions in Life:

In 1988 Sterling began as an Intermediate EMT with Muskogee County EMS and stayed there for 29 years, starting as a Paramedic. He also held the positions of Central Supervisor, QA Officer, and eventually retiring as the Assistant Director, a position he held for 23 years. After retiring in 2017, he joined Pafford EMS of Oklahoma as the Regional Director for Tulsa and Rogers County and held this title until his death. He was a true friend of the EMS provider and everyone was honored to have worked with him.

CHRISTOPHER J PRESCOTT



EMT

NYC EMS

Staten Island, NY

End of service: 6/7/1994

Age: 22

Circumstances: Vehicular homicide



Christopher's Contributions in Life:

Chris had been chosen NYC*EMS Station 34's "Rookie of the Year." He was 22 years old and had been on the job less than one year when he became the first emergency medical technician to die in the line of duty in the New York City system's 25-year history. The accident that took Chris's life occurred on June 17, 1994, as he was treating victims of a traffic accident. When a drunk driver crashed into a car and pushed it into Chris, trapping him between two vehicles, he died four hours later at Kings County Hospital after two cardiac arrests.



PATRICK SMITH

President

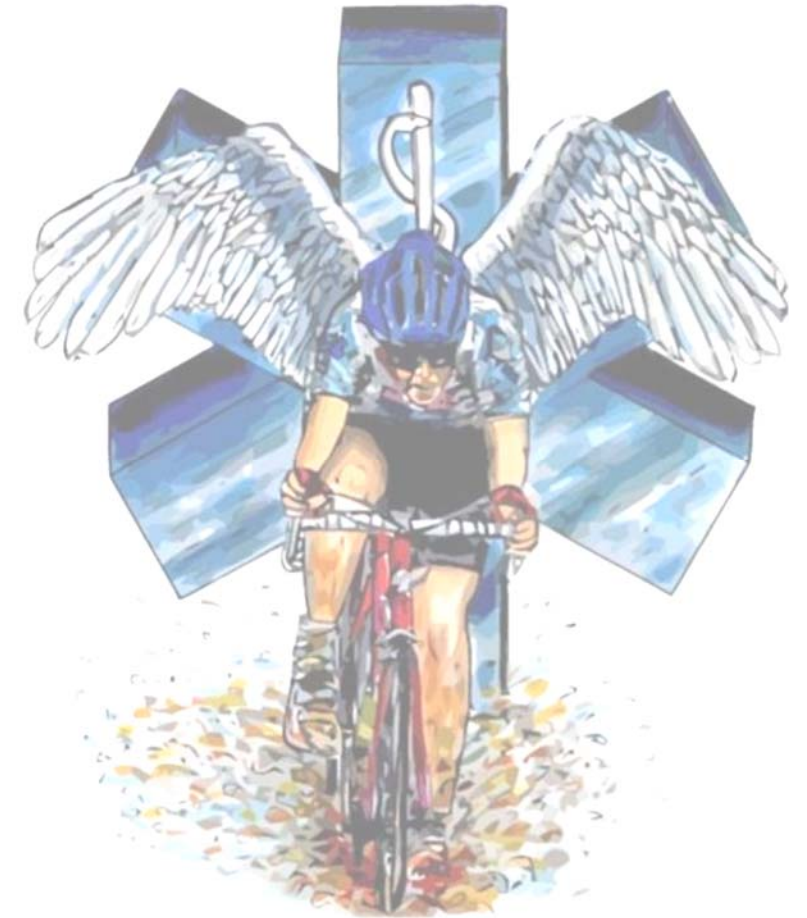
REMSA/Care Flight

Reno, NV

End of service: 6/21/2019

Age: 65

Circumstances: Natural Causes



Patrick's Contributions in Life:

Patrick was an EMS Entrepreneur well known for his innovation and leadership in EMS systems design and medical 911 communications systems. Patrick loved the Minnesota Vikings. He took care of the people that worked for him while we took care of others. Patrick was a EMS consultant in Washoe County in 1986, President of REMSA/Care Flight from 1990 to 2013, and President of SEMSA 2013-2018. He promoted Public Utility Models from Reno and across the Nation. Patrick was affectionately known as the Janitor.

STUART SMITH



Flight Paramedic

PHI Med 4-5

Janesville, CA

End of service: 5/30/2018

Age: 58

Circumstances: Heart Attack



Stuart's Contributions in Life:

Stuart "Stu" Smith was a Flight Paramedic, US Marine, mentor, and friend who spent more than 35 years serving the communities of Northern California. He served his country honorably as an Antitank Assaultman in the US Marine Corps from 1976-1980, where he received the Good Conduct Medal and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. As a lifelong horseman, Stu was also one of the last Marines to serve on mounted patrol. During his EMS career, Stu cared for more than 2,000 patients, including several field deliveries. Stu died suddenly of a heart attack after coming off flight shift on May 30, 2018.

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Stuart

Obituary: <https://m.legacy.com/obituaries/recorderonline/obituary.aspx?n=stuart-r-smith&pid=189208772&referrer=0&preview=false>



RANDY TEMPLIN

EMT

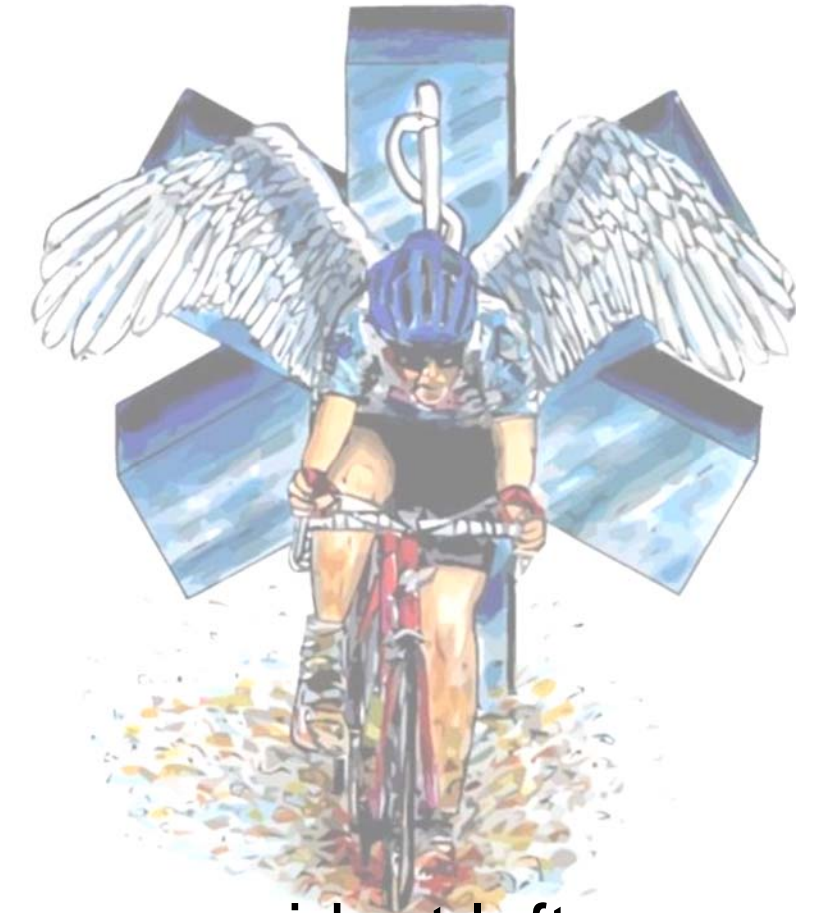
Northwest EMS

Elizabethtown, PA

End of service: 2/29/2020

Age: 55

Circumstances: Pancreatic Cancer



Randy's Contributions in Life:

Growing up Randy wanted to be a police officer or firefighter. After an accident left him unable to continue as a police officer, he focused his efforts on EMS and volunteer firefighting. He was an active volunteer firefighter and EMT in the Elizabethtown and Rheems Fire Departments. Anyone who knows Randy knows that, in every aspect, he reflects the attitude of the Good Samaritan; always treating everyone he meets with generosity and kindness, particularly his patients. Randy was involved in emergency services for more than 35 years in the Elizabethtown community.