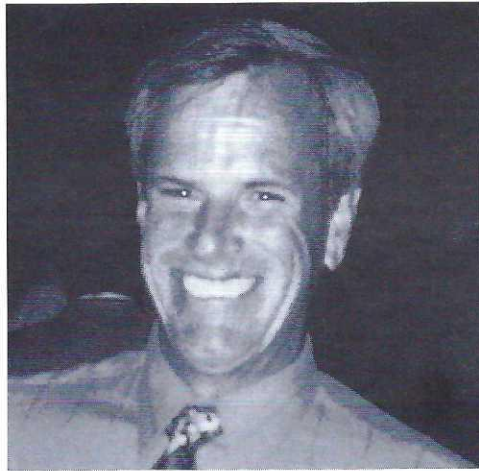


IN MEMORY OF

Kevin J. Smith



A Son

A Husband

A Father

A Grandfather

A Brother

A Friend

Memorial Service 10/06/01

Officiated By Lieut. James Hay FDNY

Pledge of Allegiance F. F. Rick Gimbl FDNY

National Anthem Amanda Popp Wm. Floyd School

Opening Prayer Chaplain Rick Van DeKleft Mastic F.D.

Guest Speaker as introduced by Chief Rudy Sunderman, Mastic FD

United States Congressman Felix Grucci

New York Governor George Pataki

New York City Mayor Rudy Guliani

New York City Fire Comm.. Thomas Von Essen

New York State Senator Ken LaValle

Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney

Suffolk County Clerk Edward Romaine

Suffolk County Legislator Fred Towle

Suffolk County Comm. of Fire, Rescue and Emer. services Dave Fischler

Suffolk County F.R.E.S. Chief of Operations Myles Quinn

Town of Brookhaven Supervisor John J. Lavalle

America the Beautiful Emerald Society Band FDNY (Joe May SCPD)

Marine Corp Hymn Emerald Society Band FDNY (Joe May SCPD)

Firefighter's Prayer Firefighter Tim Regan FDNY Haz-Mat Co. 1

PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE

Captain Vincent Doherty FDNY Haz-Mat Co. 1

Mastic Ambulance Director Maria Landman

Deputy Chief John Pedneault Suffolk County Fire Academy

Director Edwin Brooks Mastic F.D.

Lieut. James Hay FDNY Ladder 117

Family Member Anthony Panicola

Captain Kevin Culley FDNY / OEM

Closing Prayer Chaplain Rick Van DeKieft Mastic F. D.

Amazing Grace Emerald Society Band FDNY (Joe May SCPD)

Distinguished Guest in Attendance

Honor Companies

Hazardous Materials Company #1

Squad #288

Town of Brookhaven Council Members

Gerry Esposito

Ed Hennessey

Town of Brookhaven Superintendent of Highways

Pat Strebel

Town of Brookhaven Chief Fire Marshall

Joseph Sauerwein

Town Of Brookhaven Commissioner Dept of Waste Management

John Bivona

East Farmingdale Fire Dept

Chief James Napolitano

Wading River Fire Dept

Chief Keith Ryan

Kevin J. Smith, FF1 Hazardous Materials Company 1

Kevin Joseph Smith is remembered by his family to have always loved uniforms. Growing up through a presidential assassination, war protest, hippies and radicals, Kevin was an altar boy and boy scout. A graduate of Island Trees High School in Levittown in 1972, he joined the Marines at 17 years of age. His career in the Fire Department, starting in 1978, is one of distinction and heroism. In 1984 he became a Charter Member of Hazardous Materials Company 1. He became an instructor and trained others in Hazmat. He was a responder/planner in the N.Y.C. Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, where he assisted in authoring and implementing the City's first plan on Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction and to get this plan out to the nation. Response to terrorism became his passion. He was a member of the Biological Warfare Improved Response Program and F.E.M.A. and U.S.A.R. team to handle disaster worldwide. Recently he worked alongside the United States Marines Chemical Biological Incident Response Force as a representative of the FDNY.

During his career, Kevin received dozens of certifications and awards, including EMT, First Responder, Health –Asbestos Inspector, Hazmat Technical Specialists, Heroism Award from Firehouse Magazine, Silver Badge from the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York, and The Mayor LaGuardia Medal was awarded for his heroism in recovering victims from Flight 5050. One of the first to arrive on the scene when a commercial jetliner went into the water off LaGuardia Airport, Kevin along with Lt. Al Warta, dove into the water to gain entry into the sinking tail section, found and helped save a passenger.

Kevin was also a volunteer firefighter with East Farmingdale Fire Department and Mastic Fire Department. He volunteered with Mastic Ambulance. His sense of duty on all levels cannot be replaced but will be carried out by the family he leaves behind.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Kevin witnessed the strike of the first plane on the World Trade Center. On his way to the scene he called his wife, Jerri, telling her she wouldn't be hearing from him for sometime. Jerri later said, "You could almost hear him snapping on his Superman cape. He knew this day would come."

His greatest love was for his family. His quiet strength and pride lives on in them. He leaves behind his wife Jerri, his children Brian, Nichole, Thomas, Vincent, Christopher, Josephine, Jennifer and Anthony, his father Harry Smith, his grandson Kevin, and his five brothers and sisters, Margaret Brown, Cathy Kross, Stephen Smith, Marianne Panicola and Brian Smith.

As we sit and wonder what might happen, it's brought us together all as one. This would make our father proud. Our family is strong when we're together. So no matter what happens, we'll keep our heads high and our hearts open for you Dad.

Love, Tom

Although I'm angry and upset, I'll never forget what my Dad did on the day of Sept. 11, 2001. I've always known him to be heroic but this time he really proved it. I'm not only proud to know that there was someone with such heroism, but this someone was my own father. Although I will miss him very much I know that there will be a day that I will see my Dad again. I tell him every night how I am but to be able to see him and tell him would be the greatest.

Love, Josephine

The Lord is someone special in my life. But on Sept. 11, I was infuriated because my father was taken away from me. I came to realize that I couldn't be mad anymore, life must go on and I'm happy with the Lord now for making me realize how fortunate I am to have such a great family.

Love, Chris

Kevin Smith? A quiet man, a loving father, and also a hero to all people. Now missing forever without a final goodbye or a chance to talk about what we did today. All that is left is the great memories with him. Now with this we all will live thinking of the great times during the life we shared with Kevin Smith, our father.

Love, Vinny

Kevin Smith was my father, my father was a hero. He saved thousands of lives throughout his firefighting career. Unfortunately it all ended on the day America stood still, Sept 11, 2001. He will never be forgotten in our hearts and he will always be remembered as a hero of New York.. He left us while he was doing what he did, and loved doing, best...saving lives. I'll miss him.

Love, Tony

Daddy, you gave me life. The family traditions to hold. You taught me humble pride, and purity fine as gold. Daddy, You are my world. You will always hold a special place, When walking in your footsteps, I see your noble face. Daddy, you always gave me love. You always held my hand. You always gave me trusting faith, That in hard times will always stand. Daddy, you gave to me a goal, To always follow all my dreams, and gave me loving praise; Daddy, you gave me strength. You showed me how to smile you are my constant friend down a weary mile. Daddy, many days and weeks have passed away since you said, "Good bye" to me I'll look for you in Heaven where we'll spend eternity.

Love always your daughter,
Jennifer M. Smith

Words cannot express the way we feel about one of the greatest inspirations of our life. He's known as a hero to all but we knew that all along. He was a great father whose love and lessons will last through our lifetimes. I am honored.

Love, Nichole

Kevin: My heart is broken for all your suffering on September 11, 2001. At the same time, I am so proud of what you and your buddies did to save others. You and I have a special father and son relationship which will never die. Sleep in heavenly peace. All my love Dad.

Many years have passed since I was a probie in my Fire Department. When I first joined the Fire Department people would ask me "Why", or "What made you want to join?" I wasn't exactly sure why, but I would explain how I had grown up around firehouses and fire trucks and about my Dad and his many accomplishments. I always felt a great deal of pride because of how smart and respected a firefighter my father was, and I would usually just say to wrap it up that "I didn't have a choice", and "that it was in my blood." During those years since my probation in Wading River I have gotten awards, held important positions, and worked at prestigious places, one of the most recent being FDNY/EMS. All the time that I have worked for various emergency services in one capacity or another I have felt like I was just doing what was natural because of my father's example to me. On September 11, 2001 my friend Greg told me that when he watched the attack that he thought to himself "I know that Brian has to be there. He wouldn't be able to stay away." I told Greg "that I didn't have a choice, it's in my blood, I have too much of my father in me" My father was the inspiration for me to do what I do and be who I am today. I hope and pray that I will always bring him honor and pride by continuing to strive to be half the hero that he is.

Brian Kevin Smith

To My Husband,

I thank you for your eternal strength, for it is mine. Your love for me was felt to the depth of my soul, shone as far as the eyes could see, and is forever emblazoned in my heart. Your patience was profound. The family you gave me is your roots deep in this earth forever, and I thank you for them, You are the greatest person I will ever know. I Love Smitty. And that is forever. Wish you were here.

Jerri