

# The Journey

For Survivors of Fallen Firefighters

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## Call to Action

One of the Foundation's strongest programs is our Fire Service Survivors Network. Members of this Network send letters to survivors who have recently lost a firefighter. Often the two people follow up with phone calls, letters, or e-mail. There is just something special about support from someone else who has "been there." We try to match people who have similar circumstances so that they have more in common. Usually we match

by relationship, so that parents are matched with other parents, sisters with sisters, wives with wives. If possible, we match people from the same region of the country or a similar community, or whose children are about the same ages.

The more people we have in the Network, the closer the matches can be and the greater number of people we can reach. If you are not a Network member and you feel ready

to reach out to others, please let us know. We would like to add people to this important group. We especially need fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons to reach out to other men. We also encourage young adults, extended family members, and friends to join the Network. If you are interested, please contact Linda Hurley at the Foundation at:

**(301) 447-1365 or  
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## Remembering...

For the past six years, one of the traditions at the Memorial Weekend has been the signing of special Remembrance banners. Families and coworkers leave personal messages to their special firefighters, and there is rarely any space left on the banners by the end of Family Day. They are a symbol of the

shared grief of so many who have lost beloved firefighters in the line of duty.

During the year, these banners travel the country and are displayed at



fire service conferences and meetings. Your words tell more about the loss of a firefighter than anything we at the Foundation could write.

**On the other side are some of your words from the 2003 Memorial Weekend banners.**

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We hope you enjoy reading the Journey. Send your comments and suggestions to:

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My loving wife & friend & sister  
firefighter, we all miss you so  
very much. I love you, Sandy!

Joe

Travis,  
You left and forgot to tell my  
heart how to live without you.  
I miss and love you always.  
Love, Me

John,  
I hope we make you proud.  
Love, Car, Dillon & Mallory

Rick,  
Our time was short but  
worth it. Your son is perfect.  
Love you, Liz and Ricky Jr.

You were the best father.  
Love, Jackie

My old man,  
I will always love you.  
Jason

In memory of Pappazou.  
Love, Amber

Mom and Dad  
compassionate way.  
smile and  
always. We miss your  
you are in our hearts  
Terry,  
Lee,  
We miss you pulling in  
our driveway.  
Bob & Connie

Daddy.  
Thanks for guiding me  
through life from up above.  
Love, Courtney

There isn't a day  
I don't miss you badly.  
You were a true  
professional. I  
to work with you  
It was a pleasure  
Share,  
Mom and Dad  
companionate way.

Roger,  
Every day, every  
night, every call,  
you're there.  
MVFD

Love, your sis Patty

Steve,  
You are still making  
me laugh daily.  
XOXO

Travis, We love you and miss you very much!  
You did a wonderful job for us all. -Mom

# Remembering...

You'd be so proud of the kids.  
You taught them well. I'm proud  
of all you did and accomplished  
for us and the community.  
Love you, Pam

Bagg,  
I miss you and will always keep  
you in my heart. Love now,  
I miss you forever, your bride  
always & forever.

I sosososo love you Daddy!

Jokes around the station are not the same without you.  
Ed

Josh,  
You are part of everything we do.  
Brandon will never know you  
personally, but he will know the  
wonderful person you were, the  
honor you showed in all you did,  
and the ultimate sacrifice you  
made. He looks like you  
sometimes. Keep your eyes on  
him. You are his guardian angel.  
Love, Ashelyn, Brad, & Brandon

Dad,  
I miss you.  
Cassandra

Terry,  
You are in our hearts  
always. We miss your smile  
and compassionate way.  
Mom and Dad

Jake,  
We feel so lucky to have you  
be our son and brother.  
Thanks for all you gave us.  
Love, your mom

Thank you  
for our time  
together.

Dad, I am trying to  
do what you want  
me to. I miss you so  
much.  
Love, Trish