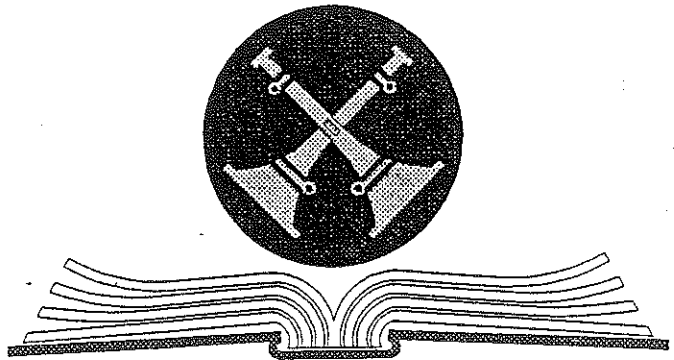


MEMORIAL SERVICE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF





FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Firefighters form a semicircle with a vacant space)

Officer/Chaplain: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Brethren:

Once again we are assembled to pay our homage and final tribute of honor and respect to the Memory of our departed Brother/Sister _____ a member of the _____ Volunteer Fire Department in _____ it is indeed fitting and proper that we should thus honor our dead. In life he/she was a companion, a friend and a fellow firefighter. We his/her living brothers and sisters dedicate this service to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our Brother/Sister.

Our Brother/Sister has now passed from this world to the Land beyond our vision. He/She has gone to a land where there is no parting--a whole eternity of love to bathe him/her anew. Faith beholds the dying here translated to that happier sphere.

Hear the words of Virgil Brock:

Beyond the Sunset, O Blissful morning
When with our Savior Heav'n is begun
Earth's toiling ended, O Glorious dawning;
Beyond the sunset, when day is done.

Beyond the sunset, O Glad reunion,
With our dear loved ones who've gone before:
In that fair homeland we'll know no parting,
Beyond the sunset for evermore.

Brethren: Our Brother/Sister now lives in peace. His/Her name will live with us forever. On this occasion as we pay our deepest homage, our Brother/Sister has answered the final call. He/She is at home with the Lord. Let the words of the Psalmist reach out to us in comfort. Let us say those words that he speaks:

PSALM TWENTY-THREE

(Commonly known as the Shepherd's Psalm)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He Maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
Will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE FIREFIGHTER'S COMMITTAL

Now unto the mercy of Almighty God we commend the Soul of our
Brother/Sister _____ departed and commit
His/Her body to the ground in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection
to eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the
Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

_____ Yudge _____ May the noble army of martyrs greet you; may the angels of
the Lord gently guide you to the new Jerusalem where eternal life awaits you with
great joy in the Lord's presence forever more. Grant Your servant eternal peace,
O Lord, and may Your light shine on him evermore. Amen.

A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert to the weakest shout
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor and
Protect his property.
And if according to my fate I am to lose my life,
Please, bless with Your protecting hand
My Family and my Spouse.

Placing of the Token of Eternal Life by the Chaplain

Chaplain/Officer: Brief Life is here our port. Brief sorrow, short lived care. That life that knows no ending, that tearless life is there. As fellow firefighters, we place these flowers as a token of pure affection of that which is immortal. Our Brother/Sister we salute you and offer you our greatest esteem. We take from you the baton of life which we will cherish and pass on to another to continue the good work thus begun.

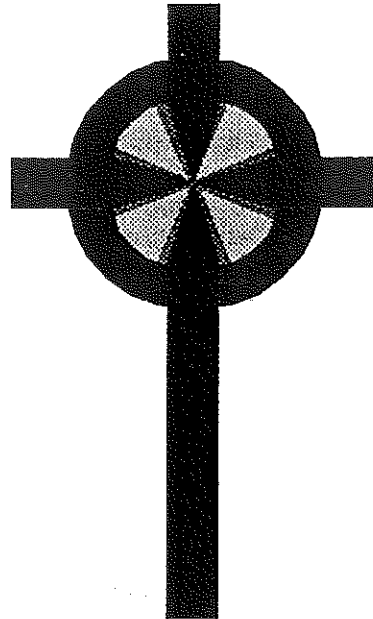
Each Firefighter/Officer places a flower in the bier; steps back and salutes. When the last flower and salute is given, the Chaplain continues.

Prayer of Remembrance

(If a bugler is present, taps shall be sounded)

The Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

Chaplain: Go in Peace.



THE TWENTY THIRD PSALM

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