2013 Worker Memorial Day

April 23, 2013

Commemorating workers who died in Washington State in 2012 as a result of job-related injuries and illnesses.

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John M. Weber ▪ Charles W. Wiley, Jr.

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Posting of the colors
Washington State Patrol Honor Guard

Invocation & Benediction
Chaplain Bill Terhune
South Bay Fire Department

Welcome
Joel Sacks
Director, Department of Labor & Industries

Governor Jay Inslee

Jeff Johnson
President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Don Brunell
President, Association of Washington Business

Dave Kaplan
Executive Director,
Washington Self-Insurers Association

Memorial reading of names

Bell Ringers, Tumwater Local 2409
Washington State Council of Fire Fighters

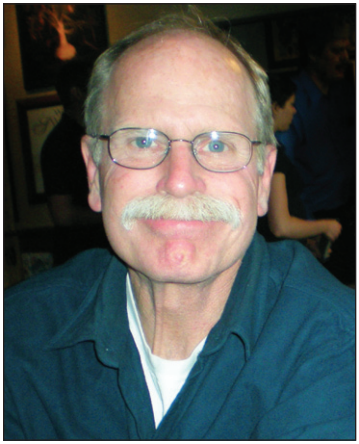
Sign Interpretation
Verna Siegel

Garden Bell Ceremony
Director Sacks

Thoughts and photos provided by families of workers lost in 2012

Joseph E. Bartkowski, 68, Professional Truck Driver

Joe saved many lives but lost his own on November 4, 2012. Joe excelled as a professional truck driver and was always in control of his vehicle. His love of driving was passed down from his father, who drove for REA Express. Joe drove school bus while attending Seattle Christian in 1962. He believed in right and wrong, doing his best and loving his Lord. He enjoyed reading while listening to music and liked playing his accordion. He had passion for flying, drag racing and hydroplane racing. His was a life well lived. Joe was a beloved husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend.



Robert Brown, 59, Refrigeration Engineer

Bob was an incredible man with a lot of compassion and zest for life. He was a very sensitive, loving father and son who cared deeply for his family. Bob was blessed with a creative mind and the ability to remember almost everything that he read or learned; some would call it a photographic memory. He was passionate about learning, constantly reading and talking with people about any subject. He loved to build, cook, ride motorcycles, camp and spend time with his family. Bob worked as an engineer for 41 years and loved his job because it allowed him to use his creative side, always figuring out a way to build or fix something. He is survived by a daughter, two sons and many family and friends who miss him dearly.

Paul J. Gustafson, 84, Drywall Contractor

Paul was a drywall contractor for many years, a profession he truly enjoyed. I always called him an “artist,” not a drywaller. For example, when we were missionaries stationed in Zaire, Africa, Paul erected a cross for the local church made of drywall materials. It looked exactly like wood when he finished, and it was beautiful. The drywall cross is still there, having survived a rebellion in the 90s and nearly 30 years of ants and termites. Paul loved the outdoors, hiking, gardening, horses and especially camping. He loved to travel, especially to Sweden and Alaska. Paul was a gentle quiet man who lived his faith. He and our dog Bitsy were inseparable for over 16 years. I lost both of them in the same year. I will always miss him.

Nicholas E. Hall, 33,
National Park Service Climbing Ranger

Nick died June 21, 2012, during a valiant and icy rescue effort of four stranded climbers near the summit of Mt. Rainier. Nick was an experienced climbing ranger who participated in numerous rescue operations on the mountain. Nick's enthusiasm for the outdoors and mountaineering was matched by few. Nick left this world much too soon and his family is overwhelmed from his loss. However, they are comforted in knowing he died doing the work he loved while performing heroic, selfless efforts in order to rescue people in need. He displayed integrity and personal courage beyond all expectation.

Luke Houlding Jensen, 22
Student/Commercial Fisherman

Luke packed a whole lot of living into a relatively short time, and the shadow he cast will not soon be forgotten. His love of fishing led him to enroll in the freshwater fisheries program at Humboldt State University, where he was in his fourth year of the program. He played lacrosse and loved to ski, snowboard and mountain bike. He had many lifelong friends, and his loyalty, sensitivity and kindness touched all who knew him. Luke worked as a deck hand on charter boats when he was 14 and was commercial fishing in Alaska at 18. He lost his life doing what he enjoyed best when the fishing boat Lady Cecelia sank in the Pacific Ocean on March 10, 2012. Luke is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Todd Norrish, 47, Flight Instructor

Todd left us March 14, 2012, at 47 years old. His loss is immeasurable. Todd passed away doing something he deeply loved: flying. Todd worked as a flight instructor and sky-dive pilot, and owned a construction business for 10 years. He is greatly missed by his wife Dori, daughters Mika and Josie, parents Carolee, Jim, stepfather Gil, siblings Tiffany, Taylor, Rosemary and Jason, as well as other family and friends. His love of flying was surpassed only by his love of his family. Todd also enjoyed fishing, golf and coaching soccer. Todd was kind to all and had a great sense of humor.

John L. Oster, 57,
Lead Telecommunications Technician

John was taken from his family and friends on May 9, 2012. He was a devoted father, family man and dedicated hard worker. He was a heavy equipment operator for many years and a telecommunications tech for the last 17 years. In his free time and on weekends, he enjoyed watching his daughter, Torrie, competing on her horses. He also enjoyed anything to do with cars, drag races, NASCAR and car shows. He will always be in the hearts of his daughter, stepdaughters and grandchildren, as well as anyone else who knew him.

Dr. Mark Radezky, 55, Chiropractor

Mark was a chiropractor in Spokane for 15 years and was 55 years young. He is the father of four grown children: Jeremy, Joshua, Hannah and Rachael Radezky. He loved working with his hands and helping people to feel better. Mark is truly missed by his family. He was married to Melody for 29 years. He loved to hunt, ride ATVs and go camping. We LOVE and MISS you Mark/Dad.

Ernest Rideout, 57, Firefighter Engineer

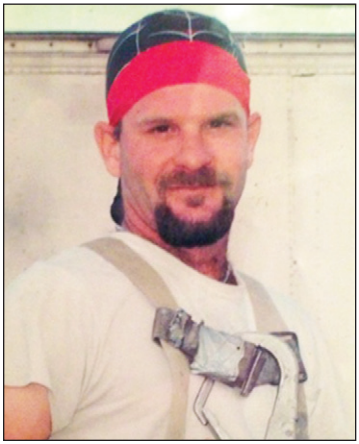
Ernie loved his family and friends, and he loved being a firefighter. He was a hiker and a bicyclist and was usually accompanied by one or more of his dogs. For many years, he played Santa for the American Heart Association and the Kent Fire Department. Ernie was always ready to offer a helping hand. He is dearly missed.

Christopher S. Rudolph, 30, Marketing Director

Chris approached life with verve. His energy and enthusiasm were legendary. Chris loved and was loved by most everyone he met. He shared his unbounded joy of life and would do anything to "make your day." His vitality and unselfish spirit captivated those around him and motivated them to be their best and experience life to the fullest.

John M. Weber, 51, Construction Superintendent

John was a construction superintendent injured in a three-story fall in the spring of 1995. For 17 years he had a positive attitude that amazed everyone who knew him. John always believed hardship would bring new friends and blessings. Although he was a triplegic, he went back to college, majored in math and then tutored at-risk teenage boys. John supported the education of over 30 children in an African village and sent rice to their families during famines. His greatest love was for his children, John, Tiffany and William, and his constant companion dog, Max. His greatest joy was watching his children grow to be productive, successful adults. We miss most of all the joy and delight he brought where ever he was.



Bill Wiley, 40, Bridge Painter

Bill had a zest for life and was fearless in everything he did in life. He loved to go hunting and fishing with Christian. Bill had great pride and love for his son. He was his solid foundation. His legacy lives on through his son and in our memories. We were honored to have known and loved him. Bill died doing what he loved to do. We know he is now painting bridges in heaven. Bill is survived by his son Christian Wiley, his wife Melissa Wiley and family.

The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year job-related injuries and illnesses cut short the lives of as many as 100 workers in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, loved ones, friends and co-workers of fallen workers experience untold pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS, the families of fallen workers experience economic hardship as well as emotional devastation; and

WHEREAS, business, labor and government must remain diligent in their efforts to prevent workplace deaths, injuries and disease; and

WHEREAS, a memorial ceremony provides all of us in Washington an opportunity to pay tribute to fallen workers and rededicate ourselves to workplace safety and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2013, as

Worker Memorial Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this important observance.

Signed this 1st day of April 2013

Governor Jay Inslee

Today we honor those individuals who worked tirelessly to better the lives of their families and our community but tragically died as a result of doing their job.

Our thoughts are with you.

The Worker Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Department of Labor & Industries' headquarters in Tumwater, Washington, serves as a year-round remembrance of fallen workers. In 2007, a brass bell sculpture by artist Tom Torrens was donated by the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council and installed in the garden.

The garden and bell are dedicated to all Washington workers who die from a workplace injury or illness. Each year at the annual Worker Memorial Day ceremony relatives ring this bell in honor of their loved one.