2018 Worker Memorial Day

APRIL 26, 2018

Commemorating workers who died in Washington State in 2017 as a result of job-related injuries and illnesses.

Aleksey V. Andreychenko  •  Beau D. Brown  •  Cody W. Buffington  •  James “Jim” R. Bullis
Scott “Scotty” C. R. Burbank  •  Robert A. Burton  •  Curtis L. Campbell  •  Aaron Z. Cochran
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Amy M. Hooser  •  Timothy D. Igo  •  Jaurette M. Jackson  •  Vikram Jaryal  •  Ruth L. Jones
Timothy J. Koelzer  •  Jon A. Koker  •  Nicholas A. Leavitt  •  Andrew D. Long Jr.
Jorge Luquin Solorzano  •  Cody Ryan MacKinnon  •  Brian K. Mattis  •  Brian L. Meyer  •  Jeffrey Midstokke
Joseph N. Motley  •  Miguel A. Penado Nieto  •  Randy D. Pierce  •  Stephen A. Poch
Humberto Ramirez Vera  •  Remigio Ramos Santay  •  Garrett J. Raphael  •  Lory R. Reimann
Raymundo T. Rodriguez  •  Carlos G. Sanchez  •  Roger L. Sanders  •  James F. Schneider  •  John P. Schneider
Fred J. Schoenbachler  •  Jacob W. Scott  •  Gary E. Selberg  •  Archeni Selifis  •  Dale L. Siebert
Ronald R. Slagg  •  Cameron L. Smith  •  Ronald A. Smith  •  Robert C. Spinner Jr.  •  Roy E. Stevens
Trobin K. Stilz  •  Otto J. Taufen  •  Stephen T. Townsend  •  Marion O’Dale Triplett  •  Andrew M. Ward
Timothy J. Waterman  •  Douglas K. Way  •  Peter R. Woods  •  Duane H. Wright  •  Cheryl Mae Wrona
Posting of the colors
Washington State Patrol

Invocation & Benediction
Chaplain Bill Terhune
Olympia Fire Department

Welcome
Joel Sacks
Director, Department of Labor & Industries

Governor Jay Inslee
Lynne Dodson
Secretary-Treasurer,
Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Bob Battles
General Counsel/Government Affairs Director,
Association of Washington Business

Sheri Sundstrom
President, Washington Self-Insurers Association

Cody Arledge
President, Kids’ Chance

Scott Dellinger
Piper, Puget Sound Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums

Special Musical Tribute: “The Mystery of Your Gift”
Black Hills High School Chamber Choir

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

Sign Interpretation
Sarah Rasmussen

Memorial Garden Bell Ceremony
Director Sacks
Thoughts and photos provided by families of workers lost in 2017
Beau D. Brown, 28, Truck Maintenance
Beau was born February 16, 1988 in Enterprise, Oregon. He graduated from Nez Perce High School in Idaho in 2006. Beau was a devoted and loving father to his son, Tyler, and he was a big-hearted man who loved his mom and all of his brothers. His passion for semi trucks, especially Peterbilts, made him a natural for his work maintaining trucks for a produce company. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and a devoted Seahawks fan. Beau is survived by his mother, Shelly J. Ryset; brothers, Kevinn Hamilton, Patrick Hamilton and Caleb Samuelson, and his beloved son, Tyler. He will be so missed by all his family and many friends.

Scotty Chandler Ryan Burbank, 22, Construction
Scotty Burbank was born in Walla Walla, but lived the majority of his life in Pullman. Scotty loved to spend time with family and friends, and he enjoyed outdoor activities; snowboarding, shooting, golfing and boating to name a few. He was especially close to his brothers and his close friends. He loved football and listening to music. He was a proud member of the PHS Greyhounds football team in high school and a huge WSU Cougar fan. Scotty will always be remembered as being the one to greet his family and friends with hugs as big and open hearted as he was. Scotty had an extensive and contagious love for life that influenced everyone around him. He was in his second season of construction. We love and miss you Scotty Ryan.

Captain Robert A. Burton, 61, Firefighter
“Bob” was born and raised in the beautiful Yakima Valley and graduated from West Valley High School in 1974. He began firefighting in January 1984. He loved the industry and advanced from firefighter to lieutenant, captain and training captain, and also served as an acting battalion chief. Bob retired in Yakima in 2011 and began a new career with Emergency Reporting Inc. in Bellingham. Bob and his wife Peggy moved to Whidbey Island after retirement in 2017. They enjoyed life on the island and boating in the San Juans. Bob had been diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma, stemming from his firefighting career. Bob is survived by his wife Peggy; three daughters Camille, Lauren and Genevieve; son Cody Burton; and sister Effie Burton.
Raymond Kane Palakiko Estores, 23
Ironworker Apprentice

Ray, known as Maui by his ironworker brothers, was a young, energetic quick learner. Friendly and full of Aloha, he was as a friend, brother, son and father. Ray put his heart into everything he did. His young life was put to rest and he will be truly missed by his ohana and friends. But his memory lives on through his two-year-old daughter, Makana.

Timothy Igo, 67, Business Owner

In 2002 Tim started “Tim the Toolman LLC,” repairing tractors. He valued his customers’ success in partnership with his own. Respect for his knowledge, skills and dedication to a job well done, combined with this approach afforded him a full schedule without the need to advertise. His sense of humor and joyous laugh made it easy for him to make friends; he had friends almost anywhere he went. Most of all he loved his family: wife Marilyn, son Lester, daughter Mae, and he worked hard to provide for their happiness and success.

Ruth L. Jones, 87
Bookkeeper for over a half century

This photo encapsulates what our matriarch Ruth Jones’ life looked like as an 81 year old bookkeeper for two retail stores. She lived independently in her own home, drove her own little sports car across town each week to work, gardened and canned hundreds of jars of pickles and mowed her own lawn. A fall in 2012 broke her hip and she hit her head. She awoke not remembering where she lived, how to drive a car or do any of the other things she loved, then steadily declined for another six years until her death this past winter. We remember our pint-sized “Pickle Queen” and her “gallon-size” work ethic. And, yes, Mom, we did honor your request to be buried in a pickle jar.
Timothy J. Koelzer, aka “Timmy,” 62
Lowboy Truck Driver
My loving husband of 37 years passed away doing what he loved. No load was too big. He met and married the love of his life, Terry in 1981. They had two daughters, Jamie and Stacy, and a son, Bobby. He adored his children and would do anything for his family. He had a work ethic like no one else and could dance circles around guys half his age. He amazed everyone with his strength, character, and kindness. Timmy would have become a grandfather for the first time in May 2017. Although he didn’t get to meet his grandson before he passed, we know that he has been visiting Ryker.

Cody Ryan MacKinnon, 31, Window Cleaner
“To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people just exist.” Oscar Wilde
Not only did Cody live, he gave. He gave love, support, laughter, encouragement, wisdom, energy and confidence to all of the people in his life. He held many roles to these people: A son. A brother. A grandson. A caregiver. A soulmate. A coach. A best friend. A teacher. A teammate. Although we cannot bring him back, nothing can take away the things he gave us. Just like the phoenix on his back, Cody’s ability to rise from the ashes after life seemed to knock him down was undeniable. We know Cody’s contagious giving spirit will live on through everything he gave others.

Brian Keith Mattis, 33, Tool Maker
Brian Keith Mattis graduated in 2002 from Tecumseh High School in Michigan and joined the Army, serving from 2002-2005, including two tours in Iran. Brian attended Olympic College earning degrees as a certified toolmaker, machinist and carpenter and worked as a toolmaker from 2008 to 2014. He was also a certified motorcycle mechanic. Brian is survived by his mother, Diana; his father, Keith; his sister, Jamie; a brother, Lucas; his best friend and former wife, Missy; and his beloved dog, Sheena.
Joe Motley, 54, Power Equipment Operator
My husband Joe was a loving husband, sibling, father and friend. He loved what he did for work and loved spending time with his family and friends. He is deeply missed, but we know he is in a better place surrounded by loved ones who have gone before him and with his favorite friend, his dog Amy Jo. I love you forever honey!

Randy Pierce, 67
General Contractor, Building Services, LLC
Randy & Diana married August 17, 1979. They were blessed with three wonderful children; Amanda, Ryan and Samantha. The stories told and retold at family gatherings are heartfelt reminders of how much they loved, laughed and cried throughout life with Randy. Randy’s grandchildren Lilli, Lauren, Lola and Bailey were the lights of his life. Randy was true to his word, committed to his friends and impassioned by his family. He was a teacher, a gatherer of people, generous and a hard worker who loved making an impact in other’s lives. He planted seeds of joy and laughter that are helping each of his family members get through this tragedy. Randy leaves behind a large group of loving family and friends.

Fred J. Schoenbachler, 63, Truck Driver
Fred J. Schoenbachler was born Jan 5, 1955, in Puyallup. He was raised and resided in Orting his entire life and graduated from Orting High School. Fred was a truck driver hauling hay for 35 years until he started his new job. He leaves behind a loving wife, Patty, of 39 years; 3 children, Sigmond, Sabrina and Kristina; and 7 grandkids and extended family who miss and love him very much.
Robert Charles Spinner, Jr., 50, Fire Chief

Robert Charles Spinner, Jr., passed away while on duty July 14, 2017. He was loyal to his family and the fire department. He was born in Hudson, NY February 16, 1967 to Robert Sr. and Shirley (Jewett). Robert joined the Navy after high school in 1985. In the Navy he met his wife Tammy Farris and they married on August 13, 1991. They have two children Austin and Emma. Robert loved spending time with his family. Robert became a firefighter in 1989, and served his last six years at Lynden Fire Department. Robert is survived by his wife Tammy, children Austin (wife Megan) and Emma, mother Shirley, brother Russell (wife Tracy) and their two children Alex and Emily, mother-in-law Gerri Izzo, and many friends and family.

Roy Stevens, 60
Pierce Transit Facilities Maintenance Mechanic

Roy E. Stevens was a Tacoma native. His two great passions were animals and dancing. Roy was a well-known figure in the Tacoma dance community, having performed a variety of roles with Tacoma Performing Dance Company, Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma, and Dance Theatre Northwest. He was an advocate for animal welfare and environmental protection, and had a strong affinity for all animals. He particularly enjoyed horseback riding, and spending time with his dogs and cats. Roy was a friend to many in the Tacoma area. His humor, kindness, and interest in learning is greatly missed by family, friends, and Pierce Transit coworkers.

Andrew Michael Ward, 41, Electrician

Born on Sept. 7, 1975, Andrew tragically and unexpectedly lost his life on April 8, 2017 at Sierra Pacific Industries in Aberdeen, where he was a dedicated and respected electrician for more than 10 years. Andrew is remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, who had an incredible culinary talent that he loved to share. At any social gathering you could be sure his food was the first eaten, most enjoyed, and most requested. Andrew was a kind and loving soul, always willing to lend a helping hand, a kind word or encouraging advice. He loved hard, worked harder, and to know him was to love him. Andrew is loved and missed by his family and friends every day. We love you always, Andrew!
Timothy Waterman, 55  
Tree Service Company Owner

Tim was a devoted family man and father of four young children. He was a lifelong arborist and had owned his tree service for over twenty years. He truly enjoyed his work and teaching young men the art of tree climbing. Tim never got a chance to meet his youngest daughter, Savannah Hope, who was born ten hours after he died. We miss him every moment of every day. His legacy lives on as we learn new ways to include him in our lives. Our family will never be the same, but we are moving forward one day at a time, as he would want us to. We love you, Tim!

Douglas Keven Way, 59, Construction

Douglas Way was an amazing person who lived a selfless life. He passed away July 26, 2017, from complications after back surgery following a fall. He was also very dedicated and true to his God whom he loved and trusted with his life. He had a tremendous love for his wife, their two sons, daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. He started in construction, pouring concrete after school, when he was 14. He was the owner of several businesses, one of them being Valley Construction & Consultant, Inc. for 39 years. He loved building and making his customers happy. When asked why he gave his customers things that were not in the budget, he simply replied, “God gave me this job and I’m just thanking Him.”
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 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 26, 2018, as

Worker Memorial Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 1st day of March, 2018

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.
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Humberto Ramirez Vera • Remigio Ramos Santay
Garrett J. Raphael • Lory R. Reimann • Raymundo T. Rodriguez
Carlos G. Sanchez • Roger L. Sanders • James F. Schneider
John P. Schneider • Fred J. Schoenbachler • Jacob W. Scott
Gary E. Selberg • Archeni Selifis • Dale L. Siebert
Ronald R. Slagg • Cameron L. Smith • Ronald A. Smith
Robert C. Spinner Jr. • Roy E. Stevens • Trobin K. Stilz
Otto J. Taufen • Stephen T. Townsend • Marion O’ Dale Triplett
Andrew M. Ward • Timothy J. Waterman • Douglas K. Way
Peter R. Woods • Duane H. Wright • Cheryl Mae Wrona
In 2018 we celebrate 25 years of working with business and labor to honor workers who lost their lives on the job, striving together to reduce the risk of injury and fatality in the workplace.

With this year’s observance, we present a statement from former Labor & Industries Director Mark Brown, who established L&I’s Worker Memorial Day observance in 1993:

“We wanted to start a tradition of honoring deceased workers and helping the families left behind who were still suffering from their losses. And wanted to bring business, labor and government together to demonstrate our united commitment to doing everything possible to prevent workplace injuries and fatalities. As someone who had recently lost an older brother in an industrial accident I knew this memorial was the right thing to do and I am so glad that the tradition continues to this day.”

– Mark Brown
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.