

2017 WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 27, 2017

Commemorating workers who died in Washington State
in 2016 as a result of job-related injuries and illnesses.

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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

Joe Kendo

Government Affairs Director,

Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Gary Chandler

Vice President of Government Affairs,

Association of Washington Business

Sheri Sundstrom

President, Washington Self-Insurers Association

Cody Arledge

President, Kid's Chance

Scott Dellinger

Piper, Puget Sound Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums

Special Musical Tribute "Fly Away Home"

Black Hills High School Chamber Choir

Memorial reading of names

Bell Ringers, Tumwater Local 2409

Washington State Council of Fire Fighters

Sign Interpretation

Verna Siegel

Memorial Garden Bell Ceremony

Director Sacks



*Thoughts and photos
provided by families
of workers lost in 2016*





Jessie S. Adame, 61, Semi-truck Driver

My father, Jessie Adame, was a loving caring father, grandfather and husband. He was a very hard worker. He loved his grandchildren so much. Words cannot express how much we miss him. Heaven has gained an amazing Angel — my father Jessie Adame.



Benjamin John Adelblue, 41, Truck Driver

Benjamin Adelblue was born to parents John and Dianne Adelblue on Sept. 2, 1974 in Oregon City. He grew up in Canby, Ore., and graduated from Canby High School in 1994. He died in a tragic semi-truck accident near Wenatchee on Aug. 17, 2016. Benjamin loved animals and driving his truck and especially his motorcycle. He often took road trips to see the country, making new friends along the way. He was a truck driver and saw more of the U.S. than most people. He is survived by his parents, John and Dianne, older brothers Mark (Jennifer) and Matt (Kate).



David Earl Bailey, 68, Farmer

Dave Bailey passed away doing what he loved, working on the farm, just south of Snohomish. He is survived by a large and loving family who fondly remember his dedication to them, his community and his country. As a young man, he fought for his country in Vietnam, returning home to raise his children, and eventually to enjoy his grandchildren. No matter how far Dave ever was from home though, his thoughts never strayed from the farm he grew up on, that same farm that he died upon.



William H. Cross III, 51, Cashier

Billy had a lot to overcome in his life and was working really hard to improve his life when this happened. He had big dreams. We were once very close, and I'm sad that we drifted apart. I appreciate him being honored with the other workers who lost their lives. His sister, Doreen.



James W. Crow II, 62, Truck Driver

James Crow was born in 1953 in California, but as an adult he moved to Washington State, where he attended college and worked at many different jobs over the years. Jim loved working on older model foreign cars, blogging, and talking about Jesus. He also enjoyed talking politics. Jim worked for many years as a truck driver with LTI Inc./Milky Way. He was a loved brother and uncle and is greatly missed by his family.



Speros Andrew Daglas, 65, Sales Associate

Speros Daglas was a proud Greek American and Marine. He died on Aug. 18, 2016, five days after falling from a scaffold while working part time at the Home Depot in Everett. He was just 65 years old. He leaves behind his two sisters, Angie and Maria, their families and a son, Andrew. Speros unselfishly gave all he had to others in life. In death he gave sight to two people and tissue and bone to others. Along with his friends and fellow Marines, we love him and miss him very much.



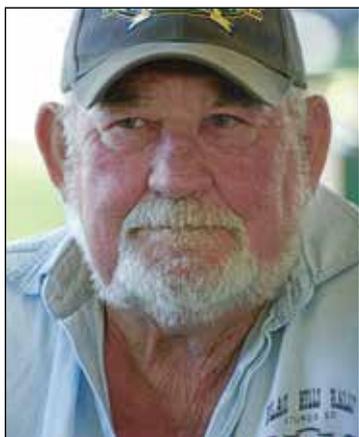
Reginald Gutierrez, 45, Police Officer

Reginald "Jake" Gutierrez was born March 10, 1971, in New Mexico, the third of eight children, and grew up in an economically challenging environment. Jake was a born protector and detested men who used their physical strengths to intimidate women. He joined the Navy, and later moved to Washington and became a Tacoma police officer. Jake died a hero. His mantra is, "It is better to die an honorable death than to live a dishonorable life." He leaves a fiancé, three daughters from a previous marriage, seven siblings, and countless brothers and sisters in blue. Jake is my very best friend and twin. I will forever be broken hearted without him. His loving sister Antoinette (Antonia) Gutierrez



Donald Ray Haltom, 60, Logger

Donald Haltom was born in 1956 and died in 2016. He was injured in a logging accident and has been in a nursing home in Port Angeles for 30 years. Don has three sons and four grandchildren. He was a great fisherman and hunter and a loving grandpa, dad, brother and son. Donald has three brothers, one sister, his mom Arlene and stepdad Stan. We all miss you Don. Your family.



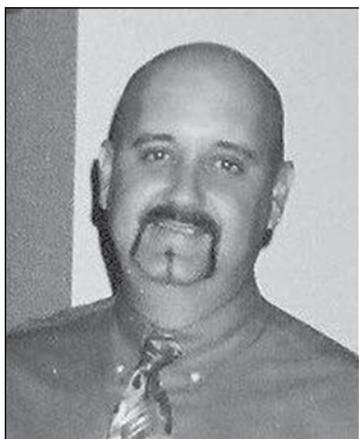
Leonard Lee Kimball, 75, Plumber/Pipefitter

Lee Kimball was born on July 31, 1940 and died Aug. 19, 2015. He met and married the love of his life, Josephine Miera, in 1959. They had two sons and a daughter. Lee entered an apprenticeship program and became a pipefitter/welder. He became a proud member of Local 598 Pipefitters in the Tri-Cities. Lee's first passion was his love for fishing, and he was at his happiest on the water. Lee Kimball passed away surrounded by his family on Aug. 19, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. Throughout his battle, he never complained and always smiled. His courage is admired by all.



**Christopher Troy Kitzhaber, 48,
Rental Car Sales Agent**

Chris Kitzhaber was first and foremost a family man. He married his wife Sandy on Oct. 21, 2000, in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. They had two sons together, both of whom had autism and other medical conditions. He also was the proud father of Ashleigh and grandsons Aden and Lukas. He worked very hard to take care of his family, including Sandy once she became ill with a serious heart condition. They moved to Seattle last summer in hopes of getting better medical care for his wife and sons, and only two weeks after moving, he was killed at work in a freakish accident. The lives of Sandy, Ashleigh, Zack, Ben, Aden, Lukas, and the remainder of his family will NEVER be the same.



Will Leonard, 50, Heavy Equipment Operator

Will worked in the woods since the age of 17. He enjoyed hunting, camping, barbecuing, riding his dad's Harley, and hanging out with friends and family. He was an honorable man and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. He was a devoted husband to his wife and three beautiful daughters, son, brother, uncle, and true friend whom one could always depend on. He will forever be remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit and his loving and caring nature. He lived his life for his family, was a hard worker, and always put others before himself. He will forever be missed but will remain in our hearts forever.



Lyle P. Lyster Jr., 41, Arborist

Lyle Lyster was raised in Port Angeles. Growing up, Lyle fished, hunted, hiked and rode motorcycles with his dad. As an adult, he pursued and loved all these interests. Lyle married and had three children: Jacob, London and Dakota. His best times were taking his kids camping, fishing and hiking in the great outdoors of the Olympic Peninsula. Lyle was a hard worker, and a job was always finished to perfection. Everyone who knew Lyle loved him. He is greatly missed. Born Jan. 31, 1975, went to meet his Lord and Savior April 21, 2016.



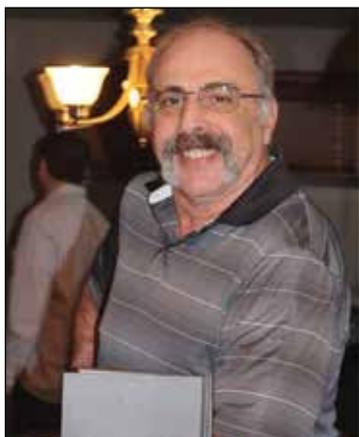
Jimmie Dean Meadows Jr., 48, Longshoreman

Jimmie Meadows Jr., was born March 3, 1968, and died June 25, 2016. He was too wonderful for words. He is in our hearts forever, until we meet again! Jimmie is dancing in the sky. He loved his job and worked his heart out for his two sons, Mac and Forrest, and Michelle, his love. Jimmie was an organ donor and lives on in that way. We adore him always. Mom and Dad Meadows



Cody Alan Meyer, 23, Flagger

Born July 6, 1992, and passed on May 24, 2016. Cody was my Baby Bear. He and I did everything together, shopping, camping, Scouting. He was a very very loving boy who would give me a kiss right in the middle of the high school cafeteria. His love of family was incredible, and he had a special spot for little kids. When he worked at Fire Mt. Boy Scout Camp, he loved working with the Cub Scouts (the little guys) the most. He was flagging in December 2015 and was struck by a distracted driver using a cell phone. He fought very hard for five months before his injuries took his life. We will forever miss our son, brother, nephew, cousin. We miss you Baby Bear with every breath we take.



Alan Lee Mooney, 65, Truck Driver

Alan "Al" Mooney was born and raised in Southern California and moved to Washington in the 1970s to work in the shipyards, where he was a crane operator and later a foreman. When the shipyards closed, he became a truck driver. Al was a wonderful husband, father of three, grandfather to six incredible boys, brother, son and friend. He's missed every single day for his loving ways, kindness, hugs, generosity, and just being there to listen and give advice. He loved being a grandpa and his grandsons definitely had him wrapped around their little fingers. People will remember him as a good friend who always had a big smile and warm hello. We miss you so much and you will forever be in our hearts.



Charles Edward Newcomb, 60, Mover

Charles Newcomb loved with his whole heart, was generous to a fault, and defined integrity. He pulled everyone in with his genuine smile, kind eyes that shined bright with humor, and his ability to make you laugh your socks off. His love for his family was the only thing bigger than his love for music. There is a party in Heaven, and we are sure he's organizing the band.



Richard Gordon O'Neill, 66, Plumber/Pipefitter

My amazing husband, Richard O'Neill, worked at Evergreen State College as an Operating Engineer. He died at the young age of 66, far too soon, on Nov. 25, 2015. He loved his family, music and motorcycles. Richard was a generous, loving and caring man. He has left an emptiness in my life that can never be filled. Joy O'Neill



Jessica Ann Marie Ortega, 27, Nurse

Jessica Ann Marie Ortega was a beautiful, wonderful, loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. While working as an LPN, she was attending school to get her RN. She didn't just work as a nurse, she embodied the characteristics of the most caring nurse to patients. When Jessica wasn't working or in school, what she enjoyed most was spending time with family and friends. Her pride and joys were her precious son Dezmond and beautiful daughter Isis. They loved to tickle each other, go to the park, sing in the car, visit the children's museum and the zoo, and read bedtime stories. Jessica loved gorillas, especially Ivan the Gorilla, poetry by Edgar Allen Poe and cooking. Jessica, we love you and miss you so much. The McFall Family



**Rafe Rasmussen, 40, Metal Fabricator,
Project Manager Marine industry**

How do you capture the life and memories of the greatest person you've ever known into words? Rafe was charismatic, brilliant, handsome and talented. He was also kind, generous, thoughtful, romantic and hilarious. He loved woodworking, metalworking, cooking, mixing cocktails, drawing, writing. He loved the outdoors, traveling, time with friends. Rafe was a highly skilled metal fabricator who worked hard and took great pride in his work. The pain and void left behind in our hearts and lives by his tragic death is indescribable. Please remember the importance of safety at work, wear your harness and look out for one another. Rafe's spirit lives on, and he is forever in our hearts. We love you Rafe.



Wes Rhodes, 53, Building Superintendent

Wes was born Nov. 17, 1962, in Olympia, and died Feb. 20, 2016, from injuries sustained at a job site. He spent his life racing stock cars, fishing, and first and foremost, being with his family and friends. Wes was known by all who knew him as always being optimistic and seeing the good in all. When you were around Wes, you were guaranteed to smile and have a good time.



James M Swift, 61, Fire Department Captain

Jim dedicated his life to God, family and friends. His lasting example was a life well lived and a can-do spirit with a passion to give his time, talent and love to people. He worked for the Redmond Fire Department for 28 years, attaining the rank of Captain. For many years he volunteered for Fire District 20, National Ski Patrol and Camp Eyabsut, a camp for children with burn injuries. He was a member of his church for 37 years. Jim is survived and forever missed by the love of his life, Cheryl, his wife of 37 years, and his beloved children, Carmen (Matt), Joel, James and Caitlin; his brother, Ken, sisters, Candy (Pete), Pam (Lawrence) and many dear relatives and friends. Our world is a better place because Jim was in it.



*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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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 27th, 2017 as

Worker Memorial Day

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

Signed this 27th day of April, 2017


Governor Jay Inslee





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.