



IN THE
LINE OF DUTY
2024 California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies

THEY STAND TALL AND



They stand tall. At about nine feet, they cast a long shadow. They have to. For the three bronze figures represent over 1,640 peace officers who have died **In the Line of Duty** since California became a state.

The figures depict a county sheriff of the 1880s, a state traffic officer of the 1930s, and a city patrol officer of the 1980s. The three look down on a life-size bronze figure of a mother comforting her child sitting on a bench, representing the grief-torn families left behind.

On May 13, 1988, hundreds of California's finest gathered at 2:30 p.m. for the dedication ceremony when Governor George Deukmejian released the cover from atop the California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument.

"We pledge our best efforts to stand behind the men and women who stand behind the badge," said Governor George Deukmejian on that solemn day. "The job of a peace officer is perhaps the most difficult and challenging one of all in our society. We are very thankful to those willing to risk injury, even death, in order to provide greater protection and safety for all of us."

In 2019, the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors voted unanimously to add an additional figure to the Memorial Monument paying tribute to the women of our state who have been called to this noble profession.

The vision was realized at the May 1, 2022 Candlelight Vigil, where she was unveiled... a modern-day Honor Guard Officer on one knee presenting a folded flag in "heroic scale" – approximately seven feet tall. Situated in the center of the memorial grounds, she faces the honored families of our fallen heroes during the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial ceremonies.

Since 1977, California has memorialized our state's fallen heroes by conducting the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies at our State Capitol. These ceremonies honor our state's peace officers who died **In the Line of Duty** the preceding year. Equally important, we recognize the sacrifice made by the officers' loved ones left behind.



We understand that the grief of the loss still lingers on, and such proceedings renew sad memories and can be the occasion of additional pain. However, it is important that those of us left behind, particularly the children, recognize that their mothers and fathers did not die in vain. The people of California owe a great debt to those peace officers who have given their lives **In the Line of Duty**. This is why we memorialize our fallen heroes every year...not only to reflect on their courage and sacrifice, but to also assure their survivors know they are forever part of the law enforcement family.

CAST A LONG SHADOW

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE

∞ HONORED OFFICERS ∞

OFFICER

PHILIP T. SUDARIO
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: January 25, 2021

DEPUTY

DARNELL ANDREW CALHOUN
Riverside County Sheriff's Office
EOW: January 13, 2023

SERGEANT

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Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: January 28, 2021

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Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: April 15, 2021

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RYAN M. CLINKUNBROOMER
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: September 16, 2023

OFFICER

TUAN Q. LE
Oakland Police Department
EOW: December 29, 2023

∞ DISTANT PAST ∞

DETECTIVE

DONALD A. MASON
San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: December 23, 1959



OFFICER

PHILIP T. SUDARIO

Los Angeles Police Department

EOW: January 25, 2021

Officer Philip Taclas Sudario was a true family man. No matter how busy he was, he always made time for his wife, three kids, three siblings, and extended family. Whether it was a birthday, an anniversary or even the smallest of occasions, Philip made it feel special. Married to his wife, Jonalyn, for 31 years, he never forgot the importance of date nights. He was very involved in his children's lives. Son Jacob cherishes all the time he got to spend with his dad when they would carpool together. Philip would drop him off at school on his way to work. Philip loved hosting theme parties, dancing, and DJing. His son, Joshua, says he inherited his passion for music from his father. One of Joshua's favorite memories is when he and his dad went to see a rock band from the Philippines perform live in concert when the band came to California. Philip was also a barbecue master, known for his delicious steak and smoked baby back ribs. His daughter, Phylcia, looked forward to any time she could cook or bake with her dad. As a kid, Philip played baseball, basketball, and football, and continued to be an avid sports fan as he aged. A Los Angeles native, Philip remained committed to his L.A. teams: the Rams, Lakers, and Dodgers. He was also a fan of the New Zealand All Blacks international union rugby team. Philip likely didn't appreciate any athletic activity more though than coaching his two sons in basketball and football when they were little.

Philip grew up in the Watts area of Los Angeles and graduated from Gardena High School in 1986. That same year, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. It must have been meant to be because that's where he met his future wife. Philip and Jonalyn married at the end of 1989. He was assigned to Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM). In 1995, Philip received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department. In 1997, after completing his probationary



period, he was assigned to the Southeast Division in South L.A. where he grew up. Officer Sudario worked various assignments, including patrol and community relations. He even received a medal for expert shooting. Philip passed away on January 25, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. He served the Los Angeles Police Department and his native L.A. for 25 years. Officer Sudario was a Police Officer II when he died.

Philip's brother, Paul Jr., says his "favorite memories with Phil would be our daily phone calls and how we would always crack jokes together, either on the phone or in person at family gatherings. Phil would always brighten up a room with his jokes." Let us remember Officer Philip Taclas Sudario as that bright light bringing joy to those who were fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace and love.

*Though you're physically not here
Your spirit still surrounds us
No matter where we look
There's always signs of your eternal presence
From the butterflies that drift in the wind
And the sight of meaningful sequences of numbers
To that fiction character that many say you resemble
Some of these symbolisms show you're still here
Through all of your beloved family and friends
Our bonds will forever link us to you
No matter the distance and what the circumstances are
Your loving spirit brings us together in unity
Even though time continues to move forward
It still hurts knowing you're no longer around
Sentiments of treasured time and memories of you
Only to sit heavily in our weary hearts
Of course we miss you so dearly
But your spirit lives on within us
No matter how far we are apart
Signs of your love will always be everlasting
— JOSHUA PHILIP SUDARIO*



SERGEANT

PATRICIA ELENA GUILLEN

Los Angeles Police Department

EOW: January 28, 2021



Sergeant Patricia Guillen has left a huge impression on those who knew her. She will always be remembered for having a deep respect and loyalty to her family. Sergeant Guillen served the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for nearly 23 years and was most recently assigned to the 77th Division.



Patricia possessed many outstanding characteristics. On the job, she was reliable and focused. She was known to mentor both young and tenured detectives, and never hesitated to share her past experiences to benefit others. Those who worked for or with Sergeant Guillen became better employees because of the wisdom she imparted. Her keen instinct for detail and by-the-book mentality made her an invaluable member of the department. Off the job, Patricia kept busy following her passion for culture, adventure, and travel. She loved hiking, camping, and spending time at the beach, so it's no wonder Hawaii was one of her favorite spots.

Sergeant Guillen's family lovingly called her "Patsy." Patsy was born in El Paso, Texas but moved to California at the age of two with her parents, Alonso and Maria, older sister Veronica, younger brother Federico, and little sister Dolores. Growing up in Los Angeles, she enjoyed bike riding, skateboarding, and mostly playing basketball. While at Garfield High School, Patricia was proud to be a member of the Lettergirls, a service organization comprised of female, lettered athletes who maintained their grade point averages while participating in sports and helped teachers, administrators, and other students with athletic events and campus activities. She was also pleased to be a member of the Ephebian Society, a longstanding civic betterment and service organization in L.A.

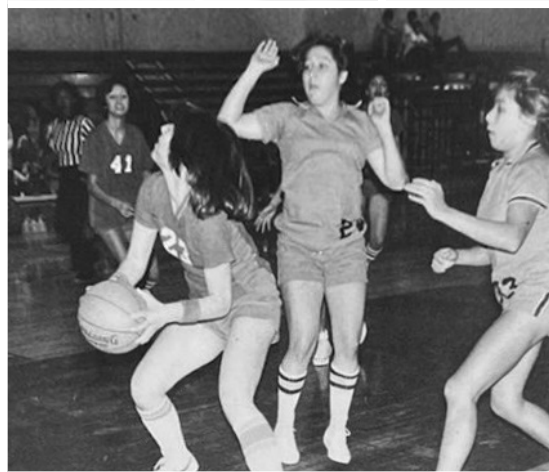
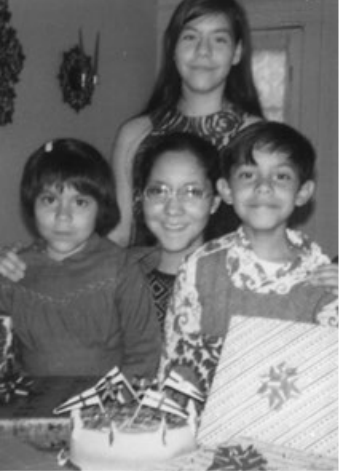
Patricia loved her family deeply and did whatever she could to be there for them. The moment Patricia learned her brother was ready to get married, she went online and became certified so that she could officiate the wedding. That's just the type of person and sister she was.

At the age of 59, Sergeant Guillen passed away after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty. Due to the nature of Patricia's job and one that was deemed essential during the global pandemic, she and thousands of other law enforcement officers and first responders were required to work and interact with the community, even though the majority of the country was quarantining.

A longtime co-worker said, "Our hearts are broken, and our police community continues to mourn Sergeant Guillen. It is with my deepest respect that we honor her service and duty as an officer. Thank you, Sergeant Guillen, you will be remembered."

The family of Sergeant Patricia Guillen hopes their beloved daughter and sister is now relaxing to the sounds of ocean waves and Hawaiian music. Please join us in keeping the Guillens close to your heart and honoring Patricia for putting the lives of others ahead of her own life. She made the ultimate sacrifice, and we will never forget it.

*The Lord Said,
I will loan you for a time a child of mine,
So you can love her while she is alive.
It may be a day, a month, a year... Until I call upon her,
Will you care for her?
I want her to learn to live. I've been searching
for a teacher and I have chosen You.
Will you teach her The right path to choose... I will not offer her to
stay with you, I am just loaning her. Because what is for earth,
Returns to me.
She will give tenderness, happiness, and all the youthful understanding
The day I call her to me, you will not cry
Nor will you hate me for taking her with me. Her void will be compensated
With all the many joyful memories.
And with that, your mourning will be bearable.
And you will say with appreciation and humility,
"Lord, let it be your will."*





SERGEANT

ANTHONY RAY WHITE

Los Angeles Police Department

EOW: April 15, 2021

Sergeant Anthony White was a “fighter, and he wasn’t one to quit.” Those were the words of his wife, Tawnya, in a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Training Division video after he lost his life as a result of COVID-19 contracted in the line of duty. Because of Anthony’s strength and determination, Tawnya, their two school-aged children, and the rest of their family were “hopeful he would get through this.” Anthony battled his illness for more than 100 days in a few different hospitals. Tawnya says her husband “fought every day and he wanted to come home.” Unfortunately, his lungs were badly damaged, and he got rapidly worse. After he had a tracheostomy (an incision in the windpipe made to relieve obstructed breathing), he could no longer speak. His family would never hear his voice again.

In reporter Sheri Fink’s New York Times article entitled, *The Rationing of a Last-Resort Covid Treatment*, dated July 12, 2021, Tawnya shares that Anthony wrote on a white board that he was hoping to “get well for retirement.” In the end, his wife says, “COVID was attacking his entire body and he never recovered... His body started to shut down and it was very, very traumatic.” Sadly, at the age of 54, Sergeant Anthony White passed away. In honor of Sergeant White, Capitol flags in Sacramento were flown at half-staff. The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), the union that represents LAPD officers, paid tribute to Anthony in a Twitter post saying, “He protected our city for over 30 years. Our prayers are with Sgt. White’s family, friends and co-workers during their time of sadness.”

Sergeant White started working for the LAPD in 1990 and served the department for 31 years. His most recent assignment was at the Transit Services Division. Prior to that, he worked at the Hollenbeck, Southwest, Internal Affairs and Transit Services divisions. Sergeant White, his wife, and their two children lived in the Inland Empire city of Eastvale, about 50 miles from Los Angeles.



In Fink’s *New York Times* article, she details recollections Anthony’s two kids shared about their dad. Sergeant White’s son, 11 at the time, recalled his father teaching him how to play chess. Anthony’s 15-year-old daughter emotionally spoke about going out for fast food with her dad after soccer practice. They also reminisced about how their parents would sing as they cooked together, right near a sign that read, “This kitchen is for dancing.”

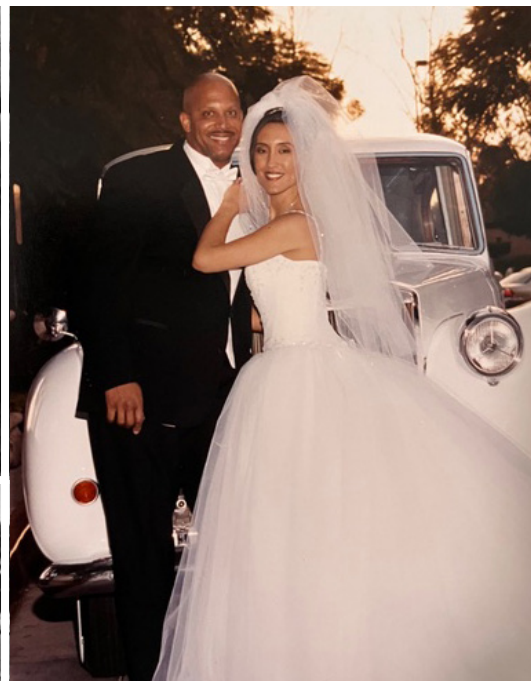
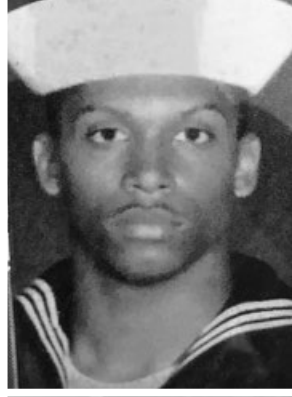
Due to the restrictions back then on visiting COVID patients in the hospital, Tawnya was initially not allowed to visit her husband. She would “go to bed thinking about him” and “wake up thinking about him.” Fortunately, the no-visitor policy was eventually lifted, and Anthony was able to take his wife’s hand in his. He mouthed, “How do I get stronger?”

Sergeant White’s milestones were followed by setbacks, and he ultimately succumbed to his illness on April 15, 2021. He left behind his loving wife, two children, parents, and two sisters. Sergeant Anthony White will be remembered as “a beautiful person with a beautiful heart” who left us too soon. May we all find inspiration in the courage he exemplified in the toughest of times.

A HERO’S WELCOME

By Robert Longley

<i>Time to come home dear brother</i>	<i>You have not failed your brothers</i>
<i>Your tour of duty through</i>	<i>You clearly gave it all</i>
<i>You’ve given as much as anyone</i>	<i>And through your selfless actions</i>
<i>Could be expected to do</i>	<i>Others will hear the call</i>
	<i>So take your place of honor</i>
<i>Just a few steps further</i>	
<i>The smoke will start to clear</i>	<i>Among those who have gone before</i>
<i>Others here will guide you</i>	<i>And know you will be remembered</i>
<i>You have no need of fear</i>	<i>For now and evermore</i>





DEPUTY

DARNELL ANDREW CALHOUN

Riverside County Sheriff's Office

EOW: January 13, 2023

Deputy Darnell Calhoun was a committed and dedicated peace officer. He was a committed and dedicated family man - a husband, father, son, and brother. His loved ones say he was “an inspiration.” He was “genuine, kind, loyal, and had the heart of a servant.” In short, he was a gift.



Darnell was the father of two children, with one more on the way, at the time of his death. That child will never know first-hand the love and comfort of his dad - his caregiver, his protector. On January 13, 2023, Deputy Calhoun was the first to respond to a report of a child custody dispute likely involving domestic violence. As he approached the Lake Elsinore home, the suspect fired multiple rounds at him. Deputy Calhoun was shot and transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. He was just 30 years old and had been with the Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) for only 11 months. He had previously served with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for two years. Deputy Calhoun was assigned to the Lake Elsinore station when he was murdered.

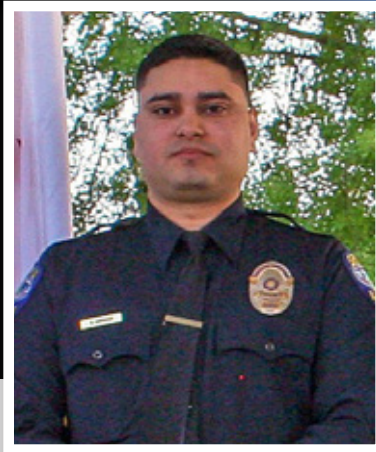
At Deputy Calhoun's memorial service, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco addressed the crowd. Sheriff Bianco recounted a conversation he had with Darnell, asking why he wanted to leave the SDPD and join the RCSO. “He responded that his commute was too long and he wanted to spend that time with his family,” Bianco said. “With that answer, I knew we had hired a good one.” Bianco went on to say that Darnell was “the most good, wholesome man you could ever imagine.” Darnell's pregnant wife did not speak at the ceremony, but she posted on Facebook the night before that he always made sure his children “knew how much you loved them” and “I know that the love you have shown them will sustain them through this life.”

The family restaurant, Calhoun's Family Texas Barbecue in Murrieta, became a gathering place for the community after Darnell's passing. Darnell worked at the restaurant for eight years before beginning his law enforcement career. His father says Darnell's personality made him the perfect person to work the front. He loved to laugh with customers. Community members, both friends and strangers, visited Calhoun's bringing cards, flowers, and banners showing their love and support. On September 28, 2023, a portion of Interstate-15 in Lake Elsinore was designated as Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun Memorial Highway.

Deputy Darnell Calhoun will be remembered as a hero - a man who responded selflessly to a call for help. His family relies on their faith to get through this difficult time and says they know they will one day be reunited with Darnell. They “take great comfort in knowing that Darnell led a life well lived.” His loved ones are grateful to the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement agencies across the nation that have uplifted them since his passing. Darnell's family says, “His life, though cut short, is a blessing.”

*The fear of the Lord is the
Instruction of wisdom, and before
Honor is humility.
PROVERBS 15:33*





OFFICER

GONZALO CARRASCO, JR.

Selma Police Department

EOW: January 31, 2023

Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr. grew up in Reedley, California as a proud son to farmworkers who dreamed of becoming a police officer. He took the initiative to pursue his education. Gonzalo served as a police explorer in his hometown, attended the police academy, and went on to serve as a non-paid reserve officer for the Selma Police Department for two years. Gonzalo was lauded for working on his own dime, not receiving a paycheck, while awaiting a paid position on the police force. During that time, he also worked in the fields helping to support his family. That’s the kind of dedication he exhibited – to his loved ones and to the policing profession. Gonzalo fulfilled his longtime dream when he became a sworn officer with Selma P.D. in 2021. Officer Carrasco was well-loved and respected by his department.



After serving with Selma P.D. for just two years, while on patrol one day, he was flagged down by a homeowner claiming there was a suspicious man on her property. When Officer Carrasco began to investigate, the male suspect fired several shots, striking Gonzalo. Investigators say the ambush-style attack didn’t give Gonzalo a moment to defend himself. The suspected gunman was a known gang member and a felon on probation.

Officer Carrasco was transported to a local hospital, where he was taken into surgery. Sadly, he succumbed to his injuries. He was only 24 years old and mere days away from becoming a father. His girlfriend, Dinuba Police Officer Karla Alvarez, was nine months pregnant with their son at

the time of the shooting. Gonzalo was very excited to be a father and was looking forward to starting a family of his own. Karla and Gonzalo first met when their families were neighbors. Karla says it wasn’t love at first sight. The two were friends long before they each followed a path into law enforcement and eventually started dating in 2020. It’s their friendship Karla misses the most.

The Selma community rallied around Gonzalo’s family and the department after his murder. “Selma lost a member of the family yesterday, the brave police officer who gave his life in the line of duty while working to keep all of us safe,” said Mayor Scott Robertson. “We will never forget the sacrifice of this officer, and our prayers go out to his family and loved ones and to our Police Department, City and Community which is shocked from this sudden and violent taking of a good person whose life was cut short far too soon.”

On the one-year anniversary of Officer Carrasco’s death, he was honored with a memorial monument in front of the Selma Police Department. Gonzalo was a devoted and loving expectant father, son, brother, and friend. He will be remembered for his loyalty, laughter, and smile.

Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr. is survived by his mother, Veronica, father, Gonzalo, Sr., sisters, Alma and Paola, brother, Christopher, and girlfriend, Karla. Gonzalo’s legacy lives on through the son he never met, Maximus Gonzalo Carrasco. Karla says their child will grow up learning about the brave hero he was named after. Thank you, Officer Carrasco, for your desire to serve and everything you stood for.

JEREMIAH 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



DEPUTY

RYAN M. CLINKUNBROOMER

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

EOW: September 16, 2023



Growing up, Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer was the type of kid other parents wished they could call their own. He was selfless, he always wore an infectious smile, and he wanted to serve his community. He enjoyed being a big brother to his sister, Katie, and brother, Chad. As a student at West Ranch High School in the Santa Clarita Valley, Ryan was a member of both the school's track and field team, and cross-country team. He graduated in 2010 and left a mark on his alma mater, literally. Ryan's handprint is proudly displayed on the school's production studio wall right next to his nickname, "Clink." His name also appears on a special Wall of Honor for students who went on to serve as members of the military or law enforcement. A high school friend, who is now a Los Angeles television journalist, called Ryan "a good man and a true hero" in her news report.

After high school, Ryan continued his education at California State University, Northridge. After graduating in 2014, he told his dad, Michael, he wanted to follow in his footsteps and join the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (L.A.S.D.). Ryan came from a long line of, not only law enforcement members, but relatives who specifically served L.A.S.D. His father served for 32 years, retiring as a lieutenant. Ryan's mother, Kimberly, worked there for 14 years as a matron lab technician. His grandfather and great-grandfather also served the department.

Deputy Clinkunbroomer was known as a "deputy's deputy." He was smart and dependable. He had a strong work ethic. Ryan took on the role of field training officer, which is no easy task. He was assigned to teach others how to do the job the right way. Ryan was a role model. He loved his work and his co-workers. His colleagues said he had aimed to become a detective one day, and he was "a joy to work with."

Ryan was courageous and kind. He had an easy humor, and a passion for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Miami Dolphins. His greatest love, however, was his love of family, his fiancée,

Brittany, and the family he was looking forward to starting with her one day. Tragically, just four days after he proposed, and on the anniversary of the day they met, he was murdered in an "ambush-style" shooting. He had just left the Palmdale Sheriff's Station and was sitting at a traffic light when he was attacked. Deputy Clinkunbroomer had been with the department for eight years. He was just 30 years old.

Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer is being remembered as "a devoted family member and a cherished community member." He was loved and adored. He was approachable and likable, and had a calm and cool manner, much like his father. At Ryan's funeral, his dad spoke to his fallen son, "We're not saying goodbye, Ryan. But we're saying thank you. I'm saying thank you, Ryan, for making me a better human being... I'll see you one day in Heaven. You're my hero."

RYAN, WHERE HAVE YOU GONE

*Ryan my fiance, where have you gone?
We planned our future together, to live side by side,
I was so honored to be with you, looking forward to becoming your wife.
Although you're gone, please know we're not far apart
I love you Ryan, you'll always be in my heart.
Ryan my love where have you gone?
Ryan our brother, where have you gone?
A hero then, a hero now, we've always looked up to you
Although now absent, you're loved and missed it'll always be true
We are lonely everyday, we loved you infectious smile,
You shared your life with us, we wish you could have stayed here
For a little while.
Ryan our brother, where have you gone?
Ryan, our grandson, where have you gone?
You left grandma and I far too quick, no time for goodbyes.
Handsome and strong with always a sparkle in your blue eyes.
It was an honor and privilege to have known you my blonde hair bud,
Gram and I miss you, we give you all our love.
Ryan, our grandson, where have you gone?
Ryan Michael, our beautiful son, where have you gone?
Wonderful, loving memories, you grew from a boy to a man.
You have brought tremendous joy to our family since birthday one.
Abruptly taken from us, for reasons unknown, we will always miss you and
Love you for eternity our first born son.
Ryan Michael, our HERO, our SON, where have you gone?*





OFFICER

TUAN Q. LE

Oakland Police Department

EOW: December 29, 2023

Long before Officer Tuan Le became a peace officer, he exhibited a kind and generous spirit. Born in Vietnam, Le moved to Oakland when he was a child. At Tuan's memorial service, his cousin, Jennifer Ky, emotionally told a story about Tuan that has stuck with her all these years. She reminisced about a time when Tuan's aunt gave him an apple shortly before he left Vietnam to relocate to the United States. Instead of eating the apple himself, Tuan saved it and asked if they could cut it up so he could share it with his cousins before he parted ways with them. "This was the kind of person Tuan was at seven years old and 36 years old," his cousin said. "From childhood to now, we will always remember Tuan for his willingness to share his time, making the effort and bringing us together."

Tuan demonstrated a desire to serve and protect at a young age too. His grandfather had been a police officer in Vietnam and Tuan vowed to become an officer just like him. In 2019, Tuan's dream came true. He applied to the Oakland Police Department and entered the 183rd Oakland Police Recruit Academy. He graduated from the academy in 2020. Although Tuan's grandfather had already passed away, Tuan knew he had made him proud.

In 2006, Tuan graduated from Oakland High School. That's where he met Sarah, the young lady who would become his high school sweetheart, his wife, the love of his life. Tuan is remembered as a devoted husband as well as a caring, affectionate, and protective family member.



In the early morning hours of December 29, 2023, Officer Le and his partner were working undercover and responded to a marijuana growing facility in Oakland that had been burglarized multiple times that morning. Tuan was struck by gunfire while he was driving an unmarked truck and crashed into two parked cars. He was taken to a hospital but later died from his injuries. Officer Le had served four years with the Oakland Police Department. He was 36 years old when he was killed.

For the last couple years of Tuan's life, he served as a Community Resource Officer (CRO) in West Oakland. He worked hard to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and Oakland's residents. He was well-liked and trusted in the neighborhood. Tuan was also an important member of Oakland's Asian-American community, acting as a bridge between the Vietnamese residents and Oakland P.D. His tireless efforts made a lasting impact. Many called Tuan a true representative of Oakland.

When Officer Le wasn't working, he enjoyed being outside hiking or mountain biking, often wearing Crocs footwear, and he loved his two dogs.

Officer Tuan Le will be remembered for his kind heart, generous soul, warm smile, and the positive change he brought to the lives of those around him. He is a true hero who dedicated his life to making the city of Oakland a safer place and the world a better place.

“YOU CAN NOT ACHIEVE SOMETHING IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT BEING A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE. THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT ARE ALWAYS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF DISCOMFORT 🤝”





Through dedicated research by agencies and individuals, the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation continues to add the names of officers from the past who died in the line of duty, providing the recognition and honor they so richly deserve.

Remembering

PEACE OFFICERS FROM THE PAST...



DETECTIVE DONALD A. MASON

San Bernardino Co.

Sheriff's Department

EOW: December 23, 1959



A couple hundred people turned out to pay their respects to Detective Donald Archibald Mason at his funeral more than six decades ago, overflowing the chapel. The people officiating shared with the crowd that Detective Mason was a good father to his two daughters, a good husband, neighbor, friend, citizen. He was a good public servant. After the memorial, those attending watched as Donald's gold-colored casket was wheeled out to the waiting hearse. Motorcycle officers escorted the procession to the cemetery as a line of police units moved peacefully onto the street.

Donald began his career with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on August 27, 1949, after serving in the United States Army. He received "marks of high efficiency" from his superiors at the sheriff's department. Donald's personnel file included numerous letters of appreciation – from

court personnel, federal law enforcement members, and citizens in the community he served. He possessed a desire to promote, worked hard, and experienced a fast rise from patrolman to detective. As a member of the Sheriff's Underwater Squad, he was also involved in many rescue activities.

On December 23, 1959, Detective Donald Mason was involved in a physical altercation in a San Bernardino County courtroom. When a judge ruled that the suspect was mentally ill, the suspect kicked Donald in the groin and chest. After the incident, Donald was driving his patrol unit by himself when he pulled over on a Highland roadway and requested medical aid over the radio. On the call, he complained of chest pains. When Undersheriff Walter Pitts arrived, he discovered Donald slumped in the car. An ambulance transported Donald to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. An autopsy showed that he suffered a fatal heart attack - three hours after the courtroom scuffle. Detective Mason was 36 years old.

Detective Donald A. Mason served the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for 10 years. He was survived by his wife, Grace, and two daughters, Jacqueline, and Kathleen. Please always remember Detective Mason and honor him for his service, his dedication, and making the ultimate sacrifice.



In Our Hearts We Honor Those Who Gave Their Lives

FOR WE CAN DO NO LESS

Since statehood, the people of California have sought and cherished a quality of life unsurpassed in this great nation. There have been among us those who chose to serve as peace officers and when called upon unselfishly gave more than we had a right to ask. A passionate desire among their brother and sister peace officers and concerned Californians to commemorate those fallen heroes is evidenced here. This moving memorial is a tribute to the dedicated men and women of the California law enforcement family who have given their lives to assure a peaceful and orderly society for their fellow Californians. Those brave and gallant protectors who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty are symbolically represented here by the county sheriff of the 1800s, the state motorcycle officer of the 1930s, the municipal police officer of the 1980s, and in the center of these hallowed grounds, the Honor Guard Officer of the 2020s, on bended knee, presenting our nation's flag to the families left behind.





CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE...

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable foundation whose mission is to recognize and honor California's peace officers who gave their lives 'In The Line of Duty' serving the citizens of this great state.

The CPOMF has grown to not only recognize our fallen heroes, but to provide services, financial assistance, advocacy, and support to the surviving families left behind. Our foundation is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of the memorial monument.

Our board of directors is composed of active and retired peace officers from across California, representing all ranks of law enforcement appointed by their respective associations. Our Special Advisory Committee includes law enforcement personnel, survivors and other individuals fully dedicated to the CPOMF mission. We are proud and fortunate that all directors and advisors volunteer 100% of their time and resources.

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is funded solely by donations from individuals, corporations, and law enforcement associations.

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WHAT WE DO...

IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Upon the death of a peace officer in the line of duty, CPOMF representatives personally deliver financial assistance to the primary survivor to help in their moment of need. Over \$1,000,500.00 provided since 2005.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Children and spouses of California peace officers who died in the line of duty are eligible to receive annual scholarships from the CPOMF. Since 2003, over 325 scholarships have been awarded totaling over \$1,113,250.00 in assistance.

SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUPS

The CPOMF financially supports the three California Chapters of Concerns of Police Survivors, a peer support group made up of survivors, which provides on-going assistance to the families of our fallen officers. Since 2005, over \$600,000.00 has been provided to the California COPS Chapters.

ANNUAL CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Every May preceding National Police Week, the CPOMF underwrites a two-day memorial service honoring California's fallen heroes. Thousands of surviving family members, citizens, and public safety officers join at the Memorial Monument in unity to pay tribute to California's fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our communities. The names of peace officers lost the previous year are added to the monument in a formal ceremony attended by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Chief Justice, and other state dignitaries.

"My sincere gratitude to the Memorial Foundation board members for their dedication and respect shown to the fallen officers and their families. The honor bestowed upon me has been a pivotal point in my strength and healing."

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KELLY J. BAKER

Widow of Sergeant Loran "Butch" Baker
Santa Cruz Police Department
EOW: February 26, 2013

Remembering Our Heroes...

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways to show your support for California's fallen heroes:

STATE TAX RETURN "CHECK-OFF"

The California resident income tax form allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation. Ask your tax preparer, or simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form.

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR

Without the assistance of our corporate sponsors, the programs and support provided by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation would not be possible. For more information on how you can become a corporate sponsor, please contact the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation administrative office.

ONE-TIME DONATION

Make an on-line donation with your credit card directly from our website:

www.camemorial.org.

PEACE OFFICERS PAYROLL PROGRAM

Participants designate an automatic monthly donation of their choosing through their employer's payroll system.

For more information in establishing this program, please visit our website:

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RECENT CPOMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CPOMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ASSISTS SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

SAVANNA ARRUDA

*Deputy Michael R. Arruda
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: June 15, 2004*

LINDSEY HAMILTON

*Officer Rick C. Cromwell
Lodi Police Department
EOW: December 09, 1998*

AMANDA WALKER-ROSE

*Lt. Michael Walker
CHP – Santa Cruz
EOW: December 31, 2005*

SERGIO CARRERA

*Officer Sergio Carrera, Jr.
Rialto Police Department
EOW: October 18, 2007*

MADDISON LOBO

*Deputy Daniel Lobo, Jr.
San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: October 11, 2005*

AUBREY WALL

*Officer Michael E. Wall
Los Angeles Co. Probation
EOW: April 30, 2021*

RYAN DILLON

*Special Agent Patrick T. Dillon
CA Department of Justice
EOW: April 14, 2007*

CHANDLER MILLER

*Officer John Miller
CHP – Dublin Area
EOW: November 16, 2007*

OLIVIA YOUNG

*Deputy Terrell D. Young
Riverside Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: April 2, 2020*

ASHLEY GARNER

*Deputy Jason Garner
Stanislaus Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: May 13, 2017*

MADISON MOODY

*Officer Bradley A. Moody
Richmond Police Department
EOW: October 4, 2008*

ALEXANDER YOUNGSTROM

*Officer Kenyon M. Youngstrom
CHP – Contra Costa
EOW: September 5, 2012*

ISABELLA PAREDES

*Sergeant Michael Paredes
El Monte Police Department
EOW: June 14, 2022*

Dependents of California peace officers who have died in the line of duty are eligible to receive annual scholarships from the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.

Since 2003, the CPOMF has awarded over \$1,113,250 in grants to survivors attending graduate school, four-year colleges and universities, two-year community colleges, and trade schools. Funded by donations from member law enforcement associations and corporate sponsors, the CPOMF's Scholarship Program continues to award scholarships on an annual basis.

Dependents of CPOMF's Honored Officers are eligible to apply. Applications must be received by June 1 to be considered for that year's scholarship awards. Donations to this tax-deductible program are accepted on an ongoing basis. More information and an electronic application can be found on the CPOMF website at <https://camemorial.org/scholarship-program/>





CALIFORNIA'S PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN ALWAYS HAVE. ALWAYS WILL.

“The beautiful bronze and granite California Peace Officers’ Memorial Monument located on State Capitol grounds in Sacramento memorializes the names of more than 1,640 courageous peace officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their fellow Californians. Tragically, every year more names are added.”

— JUAN VIRAMONTES, PRESIDENT
California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation

INTRODUCING THE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL FOUNDATION PEACE OFFICER PAYROLL PROGRAM (CPOMF POPP)

The CPOMF POPP is a simple way for members of the law enforcement community to honor their fallen brothers and sisters and support the family members left behind. Participants voluntarily donate an amount of their choosing through automatic payroll deduction. This program can be administered at every level of law enforcement including state, county, individual law enforcement associations, and municipal employer-sponsored charitable programs.

Become the ultimate back up for your fellow officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

CONTACT US TODAY TO SEE HOW.

EMAIL CPOMF@CAMEMORIAL.ORG OR CALL **916-443-1797**

THANK YOU

TO OUR PARTICIPATING **POPP** ORGANIZATIONS

- ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS
- CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION/
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
- IRVINE POLICE ASSOCIATION/CITY OF IRVINE
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- SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
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HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

I never dreamed it would be me, my name for all eternity, recorded here at this hallowed place, alas, my name no more my face. "In the line of duty," I hear them say; my family now the price will pay. My folded flag stained with their tears; we only had those few short years. The badge no longer on my chest, I sleep now in eternal rest. My sword I pass to those behind, and pray they keep this thought in mind. I never dreamed it would be me, and with heavy heart and bended knee; I ask for all here from the past, Dear God, let my name be the last.

GEORGE HAHN, RETIRED SERGEANT
Los Angeles Police Department



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