



2015 WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 28, 2015

Commemorating workers who died in Washington State
in 2014 as a result of job-related injuries and illnesses.

Aaron D. Adair ▪ Salvador Aguirre Lopez ▪ Gaetano Arico ▪ Dwight L. Biggers ▪ Cole W. Bostwick
Tyler A. Bryan ▪ Jeffrey S. Busha ▪ Francisco Camunez Villa ▪ Richard G. Carlson ▪ Randall E. Carroll
David Christianson ▪ Arthur L. Cooke ▪ Ryan S. Curtis ▪ Dale L. Davis ▪ Ronald P. de Quillettes
Jethro J. Dumlao ▪ David J. Dupont ▪ Dennis L. Eaton ▪ Jesse L. Eisses ▪ Juan Esteban-Garcia
Conor J. Finnerty ▪ Don J. Francis ▪ Carlos E. Gonzales-Deniston ▪ David A. Gonzalez-Rebolledo
Eitan S. Green ▪ Steven N. Hadaway ▪ Derek A. Hansen ▪ Lowell C. Hatten ▪ Matthew R. Hegeman
Sheena M. Henderson ▪ Jason A. Herrin ▪ Daniel D. Higgenbottom ▪ William E. Hill ▪ Bradley A. Hogue
Robert E. Hoquist Jr. ▪ Wayne E. Hostetler ▪ Paul M. Inc ▪ Andre C. Johnson ▪ Clyde C. Johnson
Dennis M. Jordan ▪ James R. Keaton ▪ Jack D. Kennedy ▪ Christopher M. Kerns ▪ Jason Keum
David E. King ▪ Craig V. Lamotte ▪ John B. Leonard ▪ Robert D. Lewis ▪ Guozhi Li ▪ Jeffrey J. Mallory
Carl H. Marushia ▪ Theodore J. Merry ▪ Patrick J. Miller ▪ Darwin K. Mitchell ▪ Ryan E. Momeny
Stephen A. Neal ▪ Kenneth A. Neubauer ▪ Mark B. Nigh ▪ Lonnie O. Olsen ▪ Kenneth L. Otto
Jeremy J. Paapke ▪ Yong Min Pak ▪ Bruce W. Patnode ▪ Dale E. Peters ▪ Gary E. Pftzner ▪ James A. Pulliam
Todd R. Quaife ▪ Richard G. Rector ▪ Jason A. Reynolds ▪ Steven R. Rhodes ▪ Tony Riconosciuto
Nicholas B. Rodriguez ▪ Richard W. Rossmeisl ▪ Romeo Ruiz Recardo ▪ Cesar Salazar ▪ Zane W. Sand
Mario Santana ▪ Bryan H. Schuman ▪ Samuel S. Silverstein ▪ Edward L. Strachila ▪ William B. Strothman
David G. Traub ▪ James B. Turner ▪ Jason E. Vanlandingham ▪ Gary G. Walston
Michael J. Webber ▪ Lawrence L. Wedvik ▪ William E. Welsh ▪ Donald J. Wolcott



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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

Bob Battles

General Counsel/Government Affairs Director,
Association of Washington Business

Therese Baxter

Interim President, Washington Self-Insurers Association

Special Musical Tribute "Sing Your Way Home"

Tumwater High School's Varsity Men's Ensemble

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 2014*





Aaron D. Adair, 34, Ironworker

Aaron Adair grew up in Woodinville and later attended Lake Washington Vocational Technical Institute in Kirkland, where he acquired welding certifications. He loved working with his hands in construction and excelled as a journeyman, joining the Ironworkers Local 86 and working jobs at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California and around the local area. He played piano, loved travel and outdoor adventures, and shared his life with his fiancé, Amanda Arguello. Aaron died Jan. 6, 2014. He is dearly missed by his parents, David and Debby Adair; brother Brady Adair; grandmother Irene Adair; and aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



**Guy Arico, 34, Business Owner,
Window Cleaning Innovations**

Guy Arico was born in Mooney Ponds, Victoria Australia. He later moved away from his big Italian family in Melbourne to marry me and live in the United States. He is the sweetest, kindest, most genuine man I have ever met. He is my soul mate and best friend, a loving father, a talented musician, and always worked hard to take care of our family. He was extremely good at his job, with over 10 years of experience, and took pride in his work. He was always there when we needed him. He is the meaning of true love and we will always miss him, but we also know that love never dies. We will always love you, Guy.



**Tyler Alexander Bryan, 22,
Choker Setter/Rigging Slinger**

Tyler Alexander Bryan became an Angel with God in Heaven on Feb. 10, 2014. He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, friend, and soon-to-be father. As an active, creative, and adventurous young man, Tyler loved his job working in the woods. He had a light about him, a quirkiness and fun-loving spirit. Tyler met the love of his life in Sadie Firth, his fiancé and mother of his son, Coen Kenneth Bryan, whom he never got to meet. When he found out he was to be a father, he became even more driven to provide for his family. We are blessed to have had Tyler in our lives, and we are thankful to have his son to carry on his memory. Tyler is missed and loved every day, and will be until the end of time.



David Christianson, 52, Grocery Manager

David Christianson of Renton was born in Seattle and grew up in the Queen Anne neighborhood. He had two beautiful daughters, Lindsay and Kelsey, who he was very proud of. Dave also had two dogs, Copper and Kolo, that he raised with his life partner Damien Bosque. He was a member of the UFCW for over 20 years and worked many of those years with Haggen and QFC grocery stores. Dave was great in the sport of bowling and was also involved in the LGBT's bowling organizations.



Arthur Cooke, 80, Heavy Equipment Operator

My husband for 34 years always amazed me with his strength of character and good humor. Kindness and his love made us all stronger. He was truly an amazing man. He loved his work and all the guys he worked with and would often tell me of the good times they had together. This was his last year. He planned on retiring to care for his cows. He loved his Savior Jesus Christ and told me, "I am ready when he calls me." I miss him with all my heart as I loved him. This is not the end, but the beginning, and I rest in comfort that I will see him again.



Conor Finnerty, 31, Apprentice Lineman

Conor Finnerty was a strong, handsome and loving son, brother, father, husband and most of all, friend. He was loyal, kind, generous and willing to help anyone in need. Conor was a dedicated and extremely hard-working man who never complained. He was so proud to be on his way to accomplishing his life-long goal of becoming a journeyman lineman. Conor's dreams were cut short Aug. 7, 2014. He adored his two children; son Cadyn, age 12, and daughter McKenna, age 2. Conor is, and always will be, enormously missed by all who knew him.



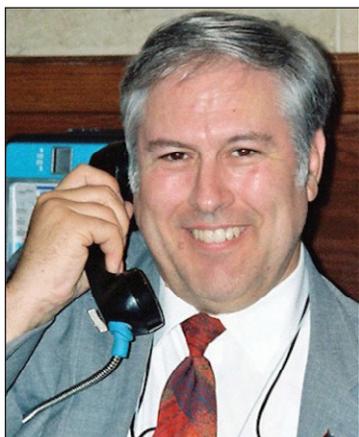
Eitan Shalom Green, 29, Mountain Guide

Eitan Shalom Green died May 28, 2014. An avalanche swept him with five other climbers off Mount Rainier's Liberty Ridge to Carbon Glacier 3,300 feet below. He was a professional mountain guide who had summited Mount Rainier over 40 times. Although aware the mountains held the element of surprise within their rock and ice formations, he took great pleasure in their beauty and was passionate about revealing their majesty to his clients. Eitan is deeply missed by his parents, Jeff and Beth Green, sister Elana Silver and her husband Jason, all of Boston; and his beloved Anna Schwisow of Seattle.



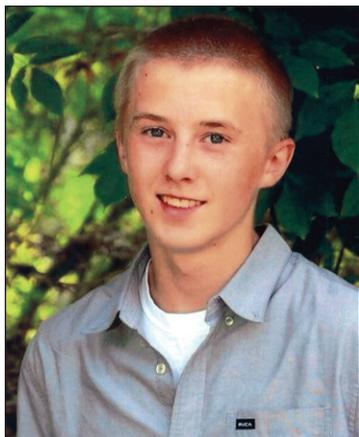
Matthew Hegeman, 38, Mountain Guide

Matthew Hegeman was a highly skilled rock and ice climber, mountaineer and skier. Matt worked as a mountain guide for 11 years and led clients on more than 70 successful summits of Mount Rainier. He also guided expeditions in Antarctica, Argentina and Peru. He prioritized safety and had no qualms about turning around if he felt conditions weren't safe. Clients and coworkers recall him saying "I want to get you back safely to your family, and I want to go home to my wife." Matt died at age 38 while guiding on the Liberty Ridge of Mount Rainier on May 28, 2014.



William E. "Bill" Hill, 75, Pyrotechnician

After a successful career in state service that spanned over 40 years, Bill retired from the Department of Labor & Industries. He was a family man, a talented forms designer and manager, a passionate and winning racecar driver, parrot caregiver, artist, history buff, enthusiastic pyrotechnician, lifelong Grange member and WSU "Coug." Bill was not known for being quiet or shy. His easygoing style drew people to him. He had an outrageous sense of humor, a quick smile and contagious laugh. Bill was a vibrant, dynamic, hard-working and funny man — a nice guy who was a people person all his life.



Bradley Alan Hogue, 19, Student

Bradley Alan Hogue was born in Everett and was attending a junior college studying mechanical engineering. He was a very outgoing young man, actively involved in sports such as baseball and soccer. He truly loved the outdoors; an avid skateboarder and snowboarder, he also spent Octobers deer and grouse hunting with his family. Whatever he did, being surrounded by his family and friends meant the most, whether at the beach, four wheeling or out on the lake wakeboarding or riding jet skis. His bright spirit and enthusiasm were contagious. Bradley is greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was the kind of guy anyone would be proud to call a son, brother, relative or friend.



Robert E. Hoquist, 58, Forklift Driver

We miss Bob, our first-born child. He would always call on Sunday and visit for two weeks every Christmas. He worked at a large warehouse in Tacoma for 10 years as a forklift operator. The family will miss him very much. Bob is in a peaceful place now and one day we will be with him. We love you Bob and will miss you very much.



Andre Johnson, 34, Line Mechanic

Andre Johnson was born in Jamaica and came to Washington on a work program, eventually becoming a permanent resident. He had been scheduled for an interview to be a U.S. citizen. He is survived by his wife, daughter, four boys back in Jamaica, mother, father, siblings and many more family. Andre was a jack of all trades and a hard worker. He had a contagious smile that would light up the room. Andre excelled in everything he did. He was a loving husband, father and dear friend to many. He was a man who would do everything and anything for his family. Andre Johnson will be dearly missed and forever etched in our hearts. RIP.



Theodore "TJ" James Merry, 31, Ironworker

Nov. 17, 1982–July 21, 2014. TJ was a Journeyman Ironworker. He worked with the Ironworkers Local 86 Union for seven years. He loved his trade. He took a lot of pride in being an Ironworker and he was great at it. All who knew him knew TJ to be a hard worker with an easygoing personality and a devoted family man. TJ was a loving husband and father. He leaves behind his wife of eight years, Christie; daughter Natalie, age 7; and son Jacob, age 5. He is greatly missed by all.



Ryan Momeny, 46, Warehouse Logistics Manager

Ryan Momeny was a very loyal employee for Benjamin Moore Paint Company. He always strived to do the best in his day-to-day work and also to make sure his employees felt supported and heard. He loved life! Outside of work he was a jet skier, dirt bike rider, fisherman, hunter, quad rider, camper, husband, son and a true and loving friend to many who were lucky enough to have him call them his friend. I always thought a daredevil stunt would be Ryan's end — not getting shot by a co-worker who was disgruntled by a corporate decision! He is truly mourned and missed by all, such a young life taken too soon.



Ken Neubauer, 59, Facilities Manager

Ken was the facilities manager at the Morgan Center in Bremerton. He directed many projects there, using the budget provided frugally and effectively. In the 26 years he was at the center, clients recognized him and knew he was their friend. The U.S. Navy sent him to Bremerton in 1973 and he fell for Washington. His last two years were spent at Rainier School in Buckley as the facilities manager, making improvements where needed. He enjoyed hiking in the mountains, and was an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts. At 59, he died much too soon. We miss him terribly.



Yong Min Pak, 59, Market Owner

Yong Min Pak, owner of a Sedro-Woolley convenience store, died Oct. 2, 2014 as she chased after shoplifters. She was a beloved member of her community, and is remembered as the kind of store owner who would extend IOUs to customers who had forgotten their wallets at home and gave small treats to visiting children. As a small business owner, she was willing to help out fellow shop owners and always knew when one of her customers needed extra help. She will be remembered as a kind, generous, and courageous woman who was always willing to help out someone in need.



Steven Ray Rhodes, 60, Administrative Clerk

March 2, 1953–Feb. 7, 2014

Our world forever changed when we lost an amazing husband, father, son and papa. Steve was a man of honor, honesty and integrity. A man of few words, his quiet unassuming manner quickly put others at ease. He loved his family and friends fiercely. His greatest joy, after his own children, was his grandchildren. He loved being “Papa.” His laugh and smile lit up a room. He lived a life of service to his family, community, church and friends. Our lives are better for having had him and his absence leaves a hole impossible to fill. We believe: Families are Forever!



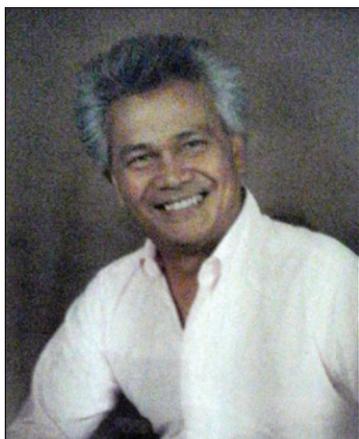
Tony Riconosciuto, 79, Construction Laborer/Foreman

Tony left us Christmas morning 2013 due to mesothelioma. He is greatly missed by Fran, his wife of 53 years; his son Mark; daughter Cindy and son-in-law James; grandchildren Logan and Carys; and numerous relatives and friends. Tony worked in the construction industry most of his life. He was a proud member of Laborer’s Local 252. Tony enjoyed vegetable gardening and making sausage and wine. He was one of the driving forces in putting bocce ball on the map in Tacoma and Washington State. Tony was a man of many projects. He always dreamed big, and we miss his presence.



**Richard W. Rossmeisl, 84,
Building Service Maintenance**

Richard Walter Rossmeisl, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away Aug. 25, 2014, following a courageous battle with mesothelioma. Richard was born in Springfield, Mass., where he attended school prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served proudly in the 1st Marine Regiment and received a Purple Heart as one of "The Chosin Few," surviving the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, a decisive battle of the Korean War. In 1967, Richard retired as a U.S. Air Force officer after 20 years of military service. Following his military service, he worked in a variety of challenging careers. Richard is loved and missed by his wife Helen and all of his family.



Romeo Ruiz Recardo, 69, Truck Driver

Romeo was a devoted husband, father, brother and son. He lived life to the fullest. He will be missed by everyone he came in contact with.



Bill Strothman, 60, Photojournalist

During Bill Strothman's 35-year career as a photojournalist, he won numerous awards and honors, as well as much respect and admiration from his colleagues at KOMO-TV and beyond. We, his family, remember him for being an extraordinary husband, father and brother who loved us as much as we loved him. He lives in our hearts every minute of every day.



James B. Turner, 62, Transit Operator

Jim spent the last 30 years of his working life transporting his Metro bus passengers through King County streets. His first job was operating a freight elevator for Frederick & Nelson's department store in Seattle. In between, among many other more short-term vocations, he served the U.S. Navy in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, labored in a Seattle steel mill and then hung sheetrock all over the Pacific Northwest. Jim was equally adept at hammering nails as he was with a sketching pencil. He loved reading, writing stories, surfing the web, but mostly being with his family who lost him to mesothelioma just short of his 63rd birthday. Those surviving him include his wife Joanne and sons Cooper, Jonathan and Zac, three sisters and their families.



Jason E. Vanlandingham, 38, Pipelayer

Jason Vanlandingham was born Feb. 23, 1976, and died Aug. 20, 2014, in Edmonds at the age of 38. Jason loved to hunt, fish and work in his garden. He was an amazing husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, son, uncle and friend. He was a loving gentle giant, hardworking as a pipelayer and family oriented. His beautiful smile was infectious and he could always make a person laugh. Jason is survived by his wife Nikki Vanlandingham and his three daughters: Taylor, Tori and Lili. He is loved and missed greatly by all, forever in our hearts.

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

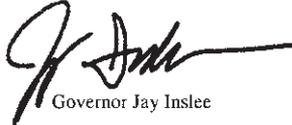
WHEREAS, a memorial ceremony provides all of us in Washington an opportunity to pay tribute to fallen workers and rededicate ourselves to workplace safety and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2015 as

Worker Memorial Day

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

Signed this 9th day of April, 2015



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.