

Memo

To: All that were there for our family
From: J. Joseph Crotty, Fire Chief, City of Titusville (Mike's Uncle Joe)
CC: Files
Date: April 20, 2008
Re: Our heartfelt gratitude

Words will never adequately describe the unthinkable loss that our family suffered last week. It left us numb, grief stricken, and asking the question why. It is not natural to have such an outstanding fine young man, whose life was just beginning to take off and take shape be so abruptly taken from us. It is just not natural to lose our young.

Nonetheless, God chose Mike for his own fire station in Heaven. He was doing what he loved to do when God took him. As I explained to my daughter Megan, Mike went from Heaven on earth, running a fire ground, to the real thing in a split second. He now stands side by side with the Lord watching out for all of us.

During the course of the week of Mike's passing, the family was overwhelmed with the out pouring of love & support from the entire fire service & community. The countless kind words, deeds, and actions, by so many, make it impossible to individually thank each of you. We as a family are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring individuals.

On behalf of the Mike's family: Dave and Barb, Mike's parents, Jim, his brother, and our entire family, I wish to express our gratitude to the countless people to which we were the recipient of kind words, deeds, correspondence, prayers, and support. No words shall ever be able to describe our heartfelt thanks to you all. May God bless you all.

Mike's Uncle Joe

Chief J. Joseph Crotty