

# John M. Walker

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John M. Walker was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 58                                |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                       |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Aug, 20, 1998                     |
| Date of death          | Aug, 20, 1998                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | In-Station Duties                 |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty                     |
| Fixed property use     | N/A                               |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 South Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact:

# William M. Blakemore

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William M. Blakemore was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 48                                                 |
| Rank                   | Private                                            |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Mar, 8, 2000                                       |
| Date of death          | Mar, 8, 2000                                       |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Struck By                                          |
| Nature of fatal injury | Violence                                           |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                                        |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
2203 Lamar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38114  
Contact: Chester Anderson

# Javier Lerma

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Javier Lerma was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 41                                                 |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                                         |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Mar, 8, 2000                                       |
| Date of death          | Mar, 8, 2000                                       |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Struck By                                          |
| Nature of fatal injury | Violence                                           |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                                        |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 South Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Chester Anderson

# William E. Bridges

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William E. Bridges was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 27                                                 |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                                        |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Apr, 11, 1994                                      |
| Date of death          | Apr, 11, 1994                                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped                                  |
| Nature of fatal injury | Asphyxiation                                       |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                                        |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 South Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Charles E. Smith

# Michael L. Mathis

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Michael L. Mathis was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 39                                                 |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                                         |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Apr, 11, 1994                                      |
| Date of death          | Apr, 11, 1994                                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped                                  |
| Nature of fatal injury | Asphyxiation                                       |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                                        |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 South Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Charles E. Smith

# Dwight E. Smith

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Dwight E. Smith was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 34                                |
| Rank                   | Recruit                           |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Sep, 6, 1994                      |
| Date of death          | Sep, 6, 1994                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | Fitness Activity                  |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Training                          |
| Fixed property use     | N/A                               |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 S. Front St.  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Contact: Charles E. Smith

# Edward L. Freeman

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Edward L. Freeman was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    |                                   |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                       |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Nov, 12, 1994                     |
| Date of death          | Nov, 12, 1994                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | Other                             |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty                     |
| Fixed property use     | N/A                               |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

Memphis Fire Department

Memphis, Tennessee

Contact:

# Trent Anthony Kirk

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Trent Anthony Kirk was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 39                                                 |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                                         |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Jun, 15, 2003                                      |
| Date of death          | Jun, 15, 2003                                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped                                  |
| Nature of fatal injury | Burns                                              |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Store/Office                                       |

Memorial fund information:

Pending

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
4341 O K Robertson Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38127

Contact: Director Chester Anderson

# Charles A. Zachary

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Charles A. Zachary was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 39                                                 |
| Rank                   | Private                                            |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Jun, 15, 2003                                      |
| Date of death          | Jun, 16, 2003                                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped                                  |
| Nature of fatal injury | Burns                                              |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Store/Office                                       |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
4341 O K Robertson Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38127

Contact: Director Chester Anderson

# Samuel Lee Green

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Samuel Lee Green was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 50                                |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                       |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Jul, 21, 2003                     |
| Date of death          | Jul, 21, 2003                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | In-Station Duties                 |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty                     |
| Fixed property use     | N/A                               |

Memorial fund information:

Donations can be sent in the name of Samuel Green, c/o Shelby County Fire Department, 1115 Sycamore View, Memphis, TN 38134

## Department Information

**Shelby County Fire Department**  
1115 Sycamore View  
Memphis, Tennessee 37134

Contact: William Hiner

# Dale Seib

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Dale Seib was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 39                                |
| Rank                   | Unknown                           |
| Classification         | Volunteer                         |
| Incident date          | Feb, 26, 1990                     |
| Date of death          | Feb, 26, 1990                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Other                             |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          |                                   |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty                     |
| Fixed property use     |                                   |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

Plainville Fire District  
Memphis, New York

Contact:

# Joseph A Boswell

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Joseph A Boswell was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Age                    | 32                |
| Rank                   | Firefighter       |
| Classification         | Career            |
| Incident date          | Dec, 26, 1992     |
| Date of death          | Jan, 11, 1993     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped |
| Nature of fatal injury | Burns             |
| Activity type          |                   |
| Emergency duty         | No                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire     |
| Fixed property use     |                   |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

Memphis Fire and EMS Department  
Memphis, Tennessee

Contact:

# James David Hill

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James David Hill was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Age                    | 45                |
| Rank                   | Firefighter       |
| Classification         | Career            |
| Incident date          | Dec, 26, 1992     |
| Date of death          | Jan, 4, 1993      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped |
| Nature of fatal injury | Burns             |
| Activity type          |                   |
| Emergency duty         | No                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire     |
| Fixed property use     |                   |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

Memphis Fire and EMS Department  
Memphis, Tennessee

Contact:

# David Wayne O'Conner

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David Wayne O'Conner was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 38                                  |
| Rank                   | Driver/Operator                     |
| Classification         | Career                              |
| Incident date          | Apr, 20, 2005                       |
| Date of death          | Apr, 20, 2005                       |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion                 |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cerebrovascular Accident            |
| Activity type          | Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus |
| Emergency duty         | No                                  |
| Duty type              | Returning                           |
| Fixed property use     | Street/Road                         |

Memorial fund information:

Memorials should be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis TN 38105

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 South Front  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Richard Arwood

# Wendell Anthony Jeffery

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Wendell Anthony Jeffery was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 47                                |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                        |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Oct, 24, 2005                     |
| Date of death          | Oct, 24, 2005                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | In-Station Duties                 |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty                     |
| Fixed property use     | Store/Office                      |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 S. Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Contact: Richard Arwood

# Charles hew Waller

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Charles hew Waller was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Age                    | 47                       |
| Rank                   | Firefighter/Fire Marshal |
| Classification         | Career                   |
| Incident date          | Feb, 16, 2012            |
| Date of death          | Feb, 25, 2012            |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion      |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cerebrovascular Accident |
| Activity type          | In-Station Duties        |
| Emergency duty         | No                       |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty            |

Fixed property use

Memorial fund information:

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church Youth, Mission Trip Fund, P.O. Box 726, Memphis, TX 79245; or Memphis Fire Department, 721 W. Robertson St., Memphis, TX 79245.

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
721 W Robertson ST  
Memphis, Texas 79245

Contact: Wiley Davis

# Terrence Morgan Pryor

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Terrence Morgan Pryor was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 48                                |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                        |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | May, 25, 2015                     |
| Date of death          | May, 25, 2015                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | Not On Scene                      |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | After                             |

Fixed property use

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 S Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Michael Putt

# Rodney Keith Eddins

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Rodney Keith Eddins was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 57                                |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                        |
| Classification         | Career                            |
| Incident date          | Apr, 16, 2016                     |
| Date of death          | Apr, 17, 2016                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | Support                           |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                               |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                     |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                       |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
65 S Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Contact: Memphis Fire Director Gina Sweat

# Jesse William Ketchum

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Jesse William Ketchum was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 33                                    |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                           |
| Classification         | Volunteer                             |
| Incident date          | May, 29, 2017                         |
| Date of death          | May, 29, 2017                         |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft |
| Nature of fatal injury | Trauma                                |
| Activity type          | Not On Scene                          |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                   |
| Duty type              | Responding                            |
| Fixed property use     | Outdoor Property                      |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

City of Memphis Volunteer Fire Department  
104 N Washington ST POB 261  
Memphis, Missouri 63555-0261

Contact: Jimmy Winn

# Robert James Phillips, II

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Robert James Phillips, II was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age                    | 62                                |
| Rank                   | Firefighter                       |
| Classification         | Part-Time (Paid)                  |
| Incident date          | Sep, 22, 2018                     |
| Date of death          | Sep, 23, 2018                     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Stress/Overexertion               |
| Nature of fatal injury | Cardiovascular Event/Heart Attack |
| Activity type          | Support                           |
| Emergency duty         | No                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Non-Fire                 |
| Fixed property use     | Street/Road                       |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
35095 Potter Street  
Memphis, Michigan 48041

Contact: Justen Diaz

# Terry Lee Watts

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Terry Lee Watts was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Age                    | 51                |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant        |
| Classification         | Career            |
| Incident date          | Jan, 20, 2021     |
| Date of death          | Feb, 10, 2021     |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Exposure          |
| Nature of fatal injury | Covid-19          |
| Activity type          | In-Station Duties |
| Emergency duty         | No                |
| Duty type              | Other On-Duty     |
| Fixed property use     | Store/Office      |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Shelby County Fire Department**  
1075 Mullins Station Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38134

Contact: Alvin Benson

# David Wayne Pleasant

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David Wayne Pleasant was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 59                                    |
| Rank                   | Driver                                |
| Classification         | Career                                |
| Incident date          | Aug, 10, 2022                         |
| Date of death          | Aug, 10, 2022                         |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft |
| Nature of fatal injury | Trauma                                |
| Activity type          | Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus   |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                   |
| Duty type              | Responding                            |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                           |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

**Memphis Fire Department**  
2670 Avery AVE  
Memphis, Tennessee 38112

Contact: Gina Sweat

# Jeffrey Todd Norman

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Jeffrey Todd Norman was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Age                    | 51                                                 |
| Rank                   | Lieutenant                                         |
| Classification         | Career                                             |
| Incident date          | Jul, 18, 2023                                      |
| Date of death          | Jul, 19, 2023                                      |
| Cause of fatal injury  | Caught or Trapped                                  |
| Nature of fatal injury | Asphyxiation                                       |
| Activity type          | Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland) |
| Emergency duty         | Yes                                                |
| Duty type              | On-Scene Fire                                      |
| Fixed property use     | Residential                                        |

Memorial fund information:

## Department Information

Memphis Fire Department  
2670 Avery AVE  
Memphis, Tennessee 38112

Contact: Gina Y. Sweat