

The Fire Fighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty God...
Wherever flames may rage...
Give me strength to save a life whatever be its age.

Let me embrace a little child...
Before it is too late...
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate...

Enable me to be alert...
And hear the weakened shout...
And quickly and efficiently...
Put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling...
To give the best in me...
To guard my friend and neighbor...
And protect their property.

And, if...according to Your will...
While on duty I must answer death's call...
Bless with your protecting hand...
My family, one and all.



Our Fallen Brother



Paul J. Cahill

September 6, 2007
A Celebration of Life



Mass of Christian Burial
Paul J. Cahill
October 13, 1951 – August 28, 2007

September 6, 2007 at 11:00 AM
Holy Name Church • West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Gathering Rites

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Rite of Reception
Entrance ProcessionMorning Has Broken
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First ReadingWisdom 3:1-6,9
Brittany Cahill, reader
Responsorial PsalmThe Lord is My Shepherd
Second Reading1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Janis Halpin, reader
Gospel Acclamation.....Alleluia
Homily.....Father Dan Mahoney
Prayers of Faithful.....Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of GiftsEric Hamm & Patrick Cahill
HymnAve Maria
Eucharistic Prayers
Memorial Acclamation
Our Father / Sign of Peace
Breaking of the BreadLamb of God
Communion Hymns.....I Am the Bread of Life
No Greater Love
Shepherd Me, O God
Prayer After Communion

Fire Fighter Farewell

.....Edward Kelly, President of Local 718, Boston Firefighters
.....Captain Stephen Keogh, Engine 30, Boston Fire Department
.....Roderick Fraser, Boston Fire Commissioner
.....Kevin MacCurtain, Boston Chief of Department

Musical SelectionLucky Man

Family Rememberance

.....James Cahill, Paul's brother
.....Adam Cahill, Paul's son

Musical SelectionAll My Life

EulogyHarold Schaitberger
President of the International Association of Fire Fighters

After the Eulogy, IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger, IAFF District Vice President Michael Mullane, and Boston Fire Fighters, Local 718 President Edward Kelly will present the IAFF Medal of Honor. Chief of Department Kevin MacCurtain will present Firefighter Cahill's uniform cover. Fire Captain Steven Keogh (Engine 30) will present Firefighter Cahill's fire helmet. Fire Lieutenant Edward Gottwald (Engine 30) will present Firefighter Cahill's badge.

Fire Fighter Bell Ceremony

.....Fire Fighter Peter Starkey, Engine 30, Boston Fire Department

Final Commendation

Prayer.....Father Dan Mahoney
Recessional HymnOn Eagles Wings

Musical selections performed on the Acoustical Guitar by Matthew Brown

The Cahill family profoundly thanks the Boston Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 718, the Boston Fire Department, the Massachusetts Professional Fire Fighters and the International Association of Fire Fighters for all that you have done for us.

Most importantly, the Cahill family and the Boston Fire Fighters wish to extend their sincere gratitude to all the citizens, businesses and local news media of Boston and the fire, paramedic and police departments and emergency personnel from throughout North America for their overwhelming sympathy and support during our hours of need.

The family and IAFF Local 718 invite you to attend a reception at
Florian Hall
55 Hallet Street, Dorchester
immediately following the Funeral Mass.