



Larry Schwentker

July 9, 1951 - August 26, 2008

Heading: Larry J. Schwentker

Dateline: Greer

Larry J. Schwentker, 57, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 in Greer, South Carolina. He was born in Geneva, Ohio on July 9, 1951, son of Fred H. and Eva A (Hutchinson) Schwentker.

He attended Austinburg Elementary and Geneva Area City Schools. He was a boiler maker for the Ashtabula City Schools. He attended the Police Academy and upon graduating worked for the Ashtabula County Sherriff's Department, first at a Chaplain, then as a Deputy under Sherriff William Johnson. In 1987 he relocated to Greer, S.C. and has worked as a Sgt. for the City of Greer Police Department until his death. Larry liked riding motorcycles, body building and playing the drums.

He is survived by his son, Fred M. Schwentker of Ashtabula, OH; a brother, Harry Schwentker and sister, Sharon Platt both of Ashtabula, OH; nephews, Anthony (Sharyn) Platt of Ashtabula, OH, Eric (Amy) Platt of Jefferson, OH; niece, Tracy (Steven) Hampton of Maryland and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents.

The Greer City Police Department will be holding a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2008 at Wood Mortuary conducted by Rev. Keith Kelly. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4, 2008 at Walker Funeral Home, in Geneva, Ohio, with Shirley Deemer, Interim Pastor of the Mentor Church of the Nazarene. Calling hours will be held for one hour

before the service.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved Larry. I went to school with Larry in Austinburg and Geneva and he was loved by everyone. He had a genuine smile that always made you feel at ease when he was around. He will be missed by many as he has touched many hearts in his short lifetime.##imported-begin##Shelley (Stone) Stark##imported-end##*

September 01, 2008 at 05:54 PM



“ *Larry was my first sergeant while being a friend. We had good times while protecting the citizens of Greer. As Yankees we stood together in the southern world and made it through. I learned the sad news while being 6,000 miles away serving as a peacekeeper in Kosovo (Europe) and was sad I was not able to attend services. My condolences to his friends and family...##imported-begin##Bob Appell##imported-end##*

August 31, 2008 at 11:23 PM



“ I just heard the news of Larry's untimely passing, and I know he will be greatly missed by the many who knew him throughout his life. He was one of my training officers and my shift sergeant at Greer PD back in the mid-90's, remembered as always a firm but fair supervisor; outside of work, I found Larry to be a fellow Honda motorcycle owner and a very interesting conversation-starter - his insight was always straightforward and to the point, for that I was very thankful.

My wife and I send our thoughts and prayers out to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

Rest in Peace, Sarge.##imported-begin##Deputy S.T. Brown, CCSO##imported-end##

August 31, 2008 at 11:06 PM



“ larry what a great guy. you will so be missed, i remember every saturday morning you coming in the store ,always in a great mood ,if you were in a sad mood you never showed it. all the guys at greer p. dept are the greatest. my prayers and love to the family.##imported-begin##sylvia campbell##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 11:56 PM



“ Larry was a great friend and a Brother in Blue I'll miss you May God Rest Your Soul##imported-begin##Marty Knighton##imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 06:55 PM



“ Larry, I love you buddy!!!!!! You were my bestest friend ever. I'll miss you!!!

Your buddy,

Jim###imported-begin##Jim Guthrie###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ i have known larry for about 18 years and i will truely miss his smile. you would pass him on the street or in a store somewhere and he would always throw his hand up and say hi there and ask how are you doing and give you that big smile. larry loved his job and his co-workers. he was respected by many and he was dedicated to his job. he was a great police officer and friend and he will missed. i can say that it was an honor to know larry and to be a friend of his and that i will miss him.##imported-begin##Erica Johnson###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ My condolences and prayers to Larry's family and his law enforcement famly. May you all feel the love and support that is offered to you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Terri Long###imported-end##

August 29, 2008 at 09:03 AM



“ My husband and I send our heartfelt condolences to Sgt. Schwentker's family. Our son, Officer Scott Brown, worked with Larry at the Greer PD and I've met Larry on many occasions. He was a special person and I know that he'll be greatly missed. God bless him and all his family during this time of sorrow. Estelle Foster###imported-begin###John & Estelle Foster###imported-end###

August 29, 2008 at 07:41 AM



“ Sgt Schwentker, lord knows we never thought that we would get a call to say your gone so early. But we know god has a plan for everyone . We enjoyed you while you were here ,your smile, your laughter, and your ability to keep your shift in order. Just know that you'll truely be missed, and by the grace of God your family will get through this because Joy cometh in the morning,its morning so rest and be at peace. Shenra###imported-begin###Shenra Jackson###imported-end###

August 29, 2008 at 07:16 AM



“ You were my very first seargent. You expected alot, but you were a good leader. This loss is felt throughout the department. You will be missed.
To the family; I'm sure this is a terrible loss for you. I cannot imagine your pain. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Kati Elliott###imported-end###

August 28, 2008 at 10:04 PM



“ I've only been at the police dept for 1 1/2 yrs and in that time I've gotten to know alot of great people.I had the privleage of having Srgt Schwentker as my Srgt when I was in training for 6 wks.He would always call up to dispatch every morning to ask if us girls needed anything! I'll never forget how he loved those cowboy boots of his! You will be missed Unit 304.##imported-begin##Lisa Barger##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 05:15 PM



“ Sgt.Schwentker as i have always called him will be heart filled miss. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be his detention officer, and to have worked with him. He will always be Sgt. Schwentker Unit 304. To the family always remember that the lord is with you, he is your helper, the lord will be your strength, your song, and he will be your salvation.

Kim McClam##imported-begin##kim mcclam##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 04:36 PM



“ I am terribly sorry for your loss. Larry was a great guy and he will be terribly missed. He always made me laugh and it will not be the same not to have him around. Your family and friends are in my prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Angie Pitman##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 01:39 PM



“ *my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I am truly sorry for your loss. I count it a joy to have known Larry and worked with him for ten year, Larry you were a true friend and will be missed*##imported-begin##*greg ellison*##imported-end##

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