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### National EMS Memorial Service Honorees

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Became curious about EMS and rescue squad line-of-duty deaths in the prior [Goldsboro Rescue Squad fatal accident story](#). Here's a tabular listing of emergency medical services personnel who have (a.) died on duty and (b.) have been honored by the [National EMS Memorial Service](#). The entries are listed alphabetically, and linked to their detail pages on the NEMSMS site. Additional details have been added, here and there, from Google searches. Two additional incidents are included after the table, of air ambulance crashes not (yet) recognized by the memorial service. (Don't know if other legacy EMS and rescue duty deaths are missing, either. This is a new area of research for Yours Truly!)

Name	Rank/Title	Agency	City	County	Age	Death Date	Cause of Death	Other Notes
<a href="#">Bridgett Nicole Autry</a>	Firefighter/EMT?	Herring Vol Fire & Medic Dept	Clinton	Sampson	18	June 13, 2002	Died at Sampson Regional Medical Center of injuries sustained in a traffic accident while responding to a structure fire.	
<a href="#">Anthony Barbee</a>	Lead Pilot	AirCare, North Carolina Baptist Hospital	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	45	April 22, 1994	Air ambulance (helicopter) crashed into East River Mountain, seven miles from Mercer County Airport, WV, to pick up patient in Bluefield, WV. All four crew members killed.	
<a href="#">Gentry R. Blevins</a>	Medical Responder	Helton Volunteer Ambulance	Lansing	Ashe	46	March 29, 1999	Died of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident on Fees Branch Road, while responding to a chest pain call.	
<a href="#">Paul I. Boyer III</a>	Paramedic	Womack Army Medical Center Ambulance Services	Fort Bragg	Cumberland	54	October 22, 2009	Died of injuries sustained when the ambulance he was riding in, headed to the bases's Hoke County parachute zone, crashed into trees. He was riding in the front seat. The driver lost control of the vehicle and upon overcorrecting, struck nearby trees.	
<a href="#">Michael T. Browne</a>		Acme Delco Riegelwood Fire-Rescue	Riegelwood	Columbus	24	November 16, 2006	Died of injuries sustained when a tornado struck, as he was leaving his residence to respond to an emergency medical call.	He was an electrician by trade.
<a href="#">Karen L. Canada</a>	Flight nurse	AirCare, North Carolina Baptist Hospital	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	38	April 22, 1994	Air ambulance (helicopter) crashed into East River Mountain, seven miles from Mercer County Airport, WV, to pick up patient in Bluefield, WV. All four crew members killed.	She was a full-time flight nurse for AirCare.
<a href="#">Terry W. Carroll</a>	Medical First Responder or EMT	Coats-Grove Fire & Rescue	Coats	Harnett	51	January 7, 2003	Died at the hospital, four days after suffering a heart attack at the scene of a medical call. After assisting with loading the patient, he was found slumped over in the driver's seat. He	

							was rushed to the hospital, revived, and moved to the cardiac care unit. He passed away on the fourth day.	
<a href="#">Larry Doughton Crouse</a>	Paramedic	Allegheny County EMS	Aurora	Allegheny	50	December 31, 2005	Died of a heart attack, while on duty at the station. He was found not breathing and without a pulse.	He was employed by ACEMS.
<a href="#">Kenneth L. Davis</a>	EMT	Goldsboro Rescue & EMS	Goldsboro	Wayne	27	November 7, 1976	Died of injuries sustained in a vehicle collision, when his rescue vehicle was returning from a call and was struck by a car. Two occupants of the automobile were also killed. The two other squad members in the unit received injuries.	He worked for the city as a draftsman in the engineering department.
<a href="#">Claude "C.C." Duvall</a>	Chief Pilot	Dare Medflight, Dare County EMS	Manteo	Dare	53	March 26, 1989	Air ambulance (helicopter) returning from a patient transport to Norfolk struck unlighted cellular telephone tower under construction directly in flight path. Both crew members killed.	
<a href="#">Donna L. Eaton</a>	Nurse	AirCare, North Carolina Baptist Hospital	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	33	April 22, 1994	Air ambulance (helicopter) crashed into East River Mountain, seven miles from Mercer County Airport, WV, to pick up patient in Bluefield, WV. All four crew members killed.	
<a href="#">Joseph L. Griffin</a>	Paramedic	First Health Carolinas EMS	Pittsboro	Chatham	34	February 2, 2004	Died of a heart attack at the station. He was found unresponsive by his partner at Base #2, after a medical call was received.	He was a full-time paramedic.
<a href="#">Carl E. "Buggs" Hensley</a>	Captain	Piedmont Triad Ambulance & Rescue	High Point	Guilford	59	March 16, 1991	Died of a heart attack during a training session on mountain rescue.	He was retired from Western Electric, and an employee of Guilford EMS.
<a href="#">James M. Hickman</a>	EMT	Goldsboro Rescue & EMS	Goldsboro	Wayne	35	March 28, 1976	Drowned while attempting to rescue three fisherman whose boat had capsized below Fish Ladder Dam on the Neuse River.	
<a href="#">James G. Hinson</a>	EMT	Mebane Fire & Rescue	Mebane	Alamance	34	August 27, 1995	Drowning while attempting to rescue a motorist trapped in floodwaters on Highway 119.	
<a href="#">John A. Holland</a>	Pilot	Duke Life Flight	Durham	Durham		October 16, 2000	Air ambulance (helicopter) crashed into a vacant lot in Burlington, while returning to base after department Alamance Regional Medical Center, where the patient to be picked-up had been sent ahead by ambulance. While at the hospital, he notified maintenance personnel of a warning light indicating low oil. He was the	

							only occupant aboard the craft.	
<a href="#">Michael R. Jackson</a>	EMT	Mid-South Ambulance Service	Smithfield	Johnson		February 9, 1995	Died after being struck by two vehicles on Interstate 40 in Wake County. His unit traveling to Chapel Hill to pick up a patient. They stopped at a minor accident that had happened minutes earlier. Jackson was retrieving warning markers when a tractor-trailer rolled down an incline and struck the ambulance, pushing it forward. Jones was killed instantly, struck by both vehicles.	Employed in a training position as Special Deputy with the Johnston County Sherriff's Department.
<a href="#">Eddie Jones Jr.</a>	Co-Captain	Harrells Rescue Squad	Harrells	Sampson		March 3, 1992	Died of heart failure after suffering a severe asthma attack, after answering a non-emergency call at a local nursing home. Jones and three attendants carried a patient through a sandy area to the rescue vehicle. Upon arriving at their destination, Jones was found unresponsive after moving the truck.	Employed as a service station owner.
<a href="#">Joe A. Jones</a>		Pilot Mountain Rescue Squad and EMS	Pilot Mountain	Surry	72	February 12, 2007	Died of a heart attack while answering a call. Pronounced dead at an area hospital.	He was retired from R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.
<a href="#">Harvey J. Lamm</a>	Paramedic	Mt. Pleasant Rescue Squad	Bailey	Nash	39	May 2, 1991	Died of a heart attack while on a search and rescue call that last several days and nights, involving a heavily wooded area, with vast fields, and ponds that required dragging.	
<a href="#">Elaine P. Lyda</a>	EMT	Clarkton Rescue Squad	Clarkton	Bladen	45	October 10, 1987	Died in a car accident, after she and her daughter were returning from a squad fundraising activity. She was killed instantly after a pick-up truck sped through a stop sign and struck her car.	Employed by Joint Municipal Housing Cooperative in Elizabethtown.
<a href="#">Bonnie S. McNeil</a>	EMT	Union Rescue Squad	Willard	Pender	50	May 14, 2009	Died after becoming ill, while preparing to leave the scene of a medical call.	
<a href="#">John L. Moore</a>	Chief, EMT-D	Ellerbe Rescue Squad	Ellerbe	Richmond	42	August 19, 2002	Fatally injured at the scene of a single-car accident on US 220, when struck by a tractor-trailer truck that lost control and jack-knifed across the highway and struck him.	
<a href="#">John G. Rhodes</a>	Paramedic	Randolph County EMS	Asheboro	Randolph	40	May 8, 2001	Suffered a cardiac arrest at the EMS base in Archdale. Became ill during a shirt report and was found by his co-workers in full arrest. Pronounced	Full-time employee with RCEMS.

							dead at High Point Regional Hospital.	
<a href="#">Wayne D. Rice</a>	Paramedic	Dallas Rescue Squad	Dallas	Gaston		July 21, 1991.	Died of injuries sustained in vehicle accident on July 20, when he and his close friend were returning from taking a portion of the state EMT exam.	Rice owned a garage and radiator shop.
<a href="#">Stephen G. Richey</a>	Paramedic/EMT IV	Forsyth Rescue Squad	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	33	September 25, 1984	Helicopter crashed during attempted rescue of construction worker trapped on top of a water tower. Both rescuer and pilot killed.	
<a href="#">Michael Travison</a>	Co-Pilot	AirCare, North Carolina Baptist Hospital	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	32	April 22, 1994	Air ambulance (helicopter) crashed into East River Mountain, seven miles from Mercer County Airport, WV, to pick up patient in Bluefield, WV. All four crew members killed.	
<a href="#">Stephanie F. Willoughby</a>	Advanced/Intermediate EMT	Dare Medflight, Dare County EMS	Manteo	Dare		March 26, 1989	Air ambulance (helicopter) returning from a patient transport to Norfolk struck unlighted cellular telephone tower under construction directly in flight path. Both crew members killed.	

Missing from the list:

- September 23, 1986 - Flight nurses Barbara Burdette and Karen Simpson and Pilot Barry Day were killed when their AirCare, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, helicopter crashed en route to Galax VA.
- January 8, 1987 - Flight nurses Mike McGinnis and Pam Demaree, Piulot Perry L. Reynolds, and a three-month year-old patient Xenia Lewis were killed when the EastCare helicopter from Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville crashed in the Hoffman Forest near Pollocksville in Jones County.

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