

Remembering

Ricky W. Doub

Forbush Volunteer Fire Department – North Carolina

Volunteer Chief

Date of Death: December 16, 2014

Age: 61

Ricky Wooten Doub was born February 2, 1953, in Yadkin County to the late William Allen Doub and Gaynell Wooten Doub. Ricky was the middle child of three boys, and he was the owner and operator of William Doub and Son Excavating.

He served his community as a 29-year member of the Forbush Fire Department. The last eight of those years he served in the capacity of fire chief. Prior to that, he served in various capacities, as assistant chief from 1991-2006, and as a member of the board of directors until he was appointed fire chief in May 2006. While in the fire department Ricky obtained his NC Firefighter I and II, Medical Responder, and Haz-Mat Operations certifications. He was awarded Firefighter of the Year and Medical Responder of the Year on numerous occasions for his department. He was dedicated to his community as fire chief, serving a population of 5,000 residents and being a leader of a 50-member volunteer department. He was very active in Yadkin County Fire and Rescue events and dedicated to providing first class fire protection and lifesaving skills.

Ricky was a 1971 graduate of Forbush High School and went on to obtain an associate degree. It was at this young age he met his wife, Judy Groce Doub, whom he later married on the 24th day of September in 1972. They enjoyed traveling to the beach and riding the motorcycle with friends in their spare time. Ricky was a lifelong active member of Baltimore United Methodist Church.

The eight points of the Maltese cross (Gallantry, Sympathy, Tact, Observation, Perseverance, Loyalty, Dexterity, and Explicitness) represented the personality that Ricky Doub presented to all. Ricky was very close to his friends and family and was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, and fire chief. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy Doub; mother, Gaynell Doub; brothers, Larry and Kent Doub; and several nieces and nephews.

Ricky enjoyed life, his church, the fire department and community. He left a lasting impression on those he loved and cared so much about with his commitment to serve and his integrity.

