

Remembering

Chad Eric Greene

Union Cross Fire and Rescue of Forsyth County, Inc. — North Carolina

Career Deputy Chief

Date of Death: November 4, 2009

Age: 34

Chad Eric Greene was born into this world on June, 24, 1975, to Wayne and Pamela (Nelson) Greene. In 1983, he welcomed a little sister, Courtney, whom he adored. He graduated from Robert B. Glenn High School in Kernersville, North Carolina, in 1993 and later attended Appalachian State University and Guilford Technical Community College. As a youth, he was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed many sports. Chad married Kimberly (Brothers) Greene, his childhood friend, on November 14, 1999. Through this union they were blessed with a daughter and a son.

Chad's passion for firefighting started at an early age and never left him. He entered Union Cross Fire Department at the age of 15 as a junior firefighter and, through the years, rose to the rank of deputy chief. He had a passion to make "his" department and its people the best they could be.

Chad was also a career firefighter with the city of High Point, North Carolina, for 13 years. He was a fire equipment operator at the time of his death. He was proud to be a fireman and serve both communities. It was always his joy to teach kids about fire safety, especially at the local elementary school in Union Cross. As well as being a fireman, Chad had a lawn care business that was

named after his children, Emma and Jake. When he wasn't working, you could find Chad at home. He was a family man in the greatest sense. He was his wife's best friend and a strong and loving father who was looking forward to welcoming his third child at the time of his death. He loved wrestling with his kids and just being silly, but his favorite pastime was taking them to the mountains to ride four wheelers.

He was a great cook, quick to show off his cooking abilities that he had acquired from the firehouse. He could throw something together that looked bad but tasted amazing. He had a great sense of humor, always making the people around him laugh. Chad never knew a stranger. It was impossible for him to go anywhere quickly, because he honestly knew everyone and felt like he had to speak to them.

Chad's life was cut too short for all that knew him. He passed away on November 4, 2009, at age 34, after completing a 24-hour shift with Union Cross Fire Department. He was a great man and is missed by many. We are thankful for the years that God gave us with him. His memory will live on in the hearts of all he knew and all he touched.

