



# Remembering



## Kent Furman Long

**Charlotte Fire Department — North Carolina**

Classification: Career

Rank: Firefighter

Date of Death: December 1, 2006

Age: 44

*K*ent Long suffered a fatal heart attack after responding to multiple calls during his shift.

*1 Thessalonians 4:11*

Kent joined the Charlotte Fire Department in 1989. He worked at Station 23. He got the job done and treated others with respect. His fellow firefighters remember how they could always count on him, how he always had their back. He gave his all in everything he did. It was only in his passing that we learned of ALL he did.

Kent was a very compassionate, dependable and hardworking man. Totally devoted to his family, he was an amazing husband and father. He was very passionate about the people in his personal life. His wife and three children formed the passion of his heart. Sharing time with them and being the proud, "quiet" father was his favorite pastime. That special quiet way about him will always be missed and remembered, along with his unforgettable smile. The following verse describes how Kent lived and the reason why he was looked upon with so much respect:



*Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

*Help me, Lord, to finally comprehend what it means to consider it pure joy whenever I face trials of many kinds. Help me to know that the testing of my faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its works in me so that I may be mature and complete, lacking nothing (James 1:2-4). Lord, You are not asking me to rejoice that I have lost someone precious, but You know that, in my loss, I can rejoice in all I have to gain if I'm willing. Never must my suffering be in vain.*

Kent is survived by his wife, Gina, and children, Lance, Callie, and Gage. He would be humbled to be honored at this year's memorial.