



# Remembering



## Scott A. Morrison

### Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department – North Carolina

Volunteer Chief

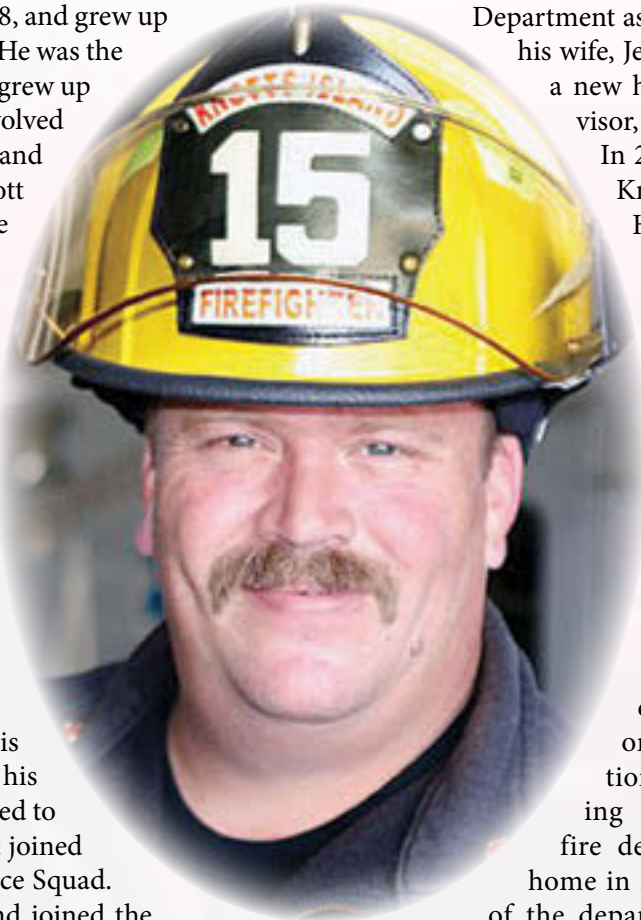
Date of Death: March 3, 2013

Age: 44

Scott was born July 25, 1968, and grew up in Norwood, New Jersey. He was the youngest of four children. He grew up in a family that were all involved in scouting, Little League, and community volunteering. Scott joined the Cub Scouts at the age of seven and went on to Boy Scouts at eleven years old. He was involved in all the troops' service projects, including periodic newspaper collection (before the time of recycling) and the clean up of a very old cemetery in town. In his teens, Scott spent two years as a Sea Scout and also volunteered with the local Red Cross chapter.

In 1986, a few years after his father's passing, Scott and his mother, Gwen Morrison, moved to Toms River, New Jersey. Scott joined the Seaside Heights Ambulance Squad. In 1987, he changed paths and joined the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, following in the footsteps of his older brothers, Joseph and Michael, who were both firemen. (Michael is still volunteering for 35 years) During the time in South Jersey, he became a dispatcher for the Manchester Police Department and volunteered at the local hospital.

Scott moved south to North Carolina in 1993. He landed a job with the Chesapeake, Virginia, Police



Department as a 911 dispatcher. That's when his wife, Jessica, entered his life. She was a new hire and Scott, being a supervisor, was in charge of training her. In 2000, he and Jessica settled on Knotts Island, North Carolina. He immediately joined the Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department. They married and were blessed with two children, Kaitlyn and Sean (mini me).

Over the following years, except for a short time in Virginia, Scott remained dedicated to Knotts Island Fire Department and its community. He worked tirelessly to make the fire department grow, always on the lookout for contributions of equipment and funding opportunities. Finally the fire department got a new larger home in 2007. Scott was elected chief of the department in 2010. He set two major goals for himself: a smoke detector in every home, and getting the first new apparatus for the department. He got the alarms and the engine (E-ONE 1500 Pumper), but he never got to see the fire engine.

Scott dedicated his life to family and community service. Scott left us on March 3, 2013, doing what he loved to do.