Donald L. Suggs

Summerville Fire and Rescue, Inc. – North Carolina

Volunteer Assistant Chief
Date of Death: June 11, 2012
Age: 55

Donnie served as assistant fire chief with the Summerville-Bunnlevel Fire and Rescue Department for over 20 years. Donnie also served as a member of the Harnett County Fire Department Honor Guard.

He was an assistant scoutmaster of Troop #61 in Lillington, a 3rd Degree Master Mason and 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner of the Lillington Masonic Lodge #301.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Donnie retired as a master sergeant in 1999, after 25 years of service. He was an employee of Pfizer Corporation in Sanford, North Carolina.

Donnie's wife of 34 years is Deloris Mason Suggs. Their son, Jonathan L. Suggs, is a fireman for the Summerville-Bunnlevel Fire and Rescue Department. Donnie is also survived by his mother, Hilda Ausley, and his brother, Ronnie Suggs.

Donnie was a wonderful and loving husband and father. His eyes were as blue as the sky or the seas of blue. He never met a stranger, and his compassion was to help someone at all times. Donnie was a carpenter; he could build or make anything. He was a great leader, mentor, and a true friend to all he met.

One of Donnie's favorite sayings was: Just Do something! Lead, follow, or get out of the way. Donnie always gave 100% of everything he set out to do. He was a great motivator.

Donnie is with the Lord in his eternal home, in which we will meet again one day.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

A Firefighter's Pledge

I promise concern for others, Willingness for all those in need
I promise courage – courage to face and conquer my fears
Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me
I promise strength – strength of heart to bear whatever burdens might be placed upon me
Strength of body to deliver safety all those placed within my care.
I promise the wisdom to lead, the compassion to comfort and
The love to serve unselfishly whenever I am called.

~Author Unknown