

Remembering



Joshua M. Woods

**Siler City Fire Department –
North Carolina**
Volunteer Firefighter
January 12, 2016
Age: 24



Mr. Woods was born in Chatham County on August 4, 1991, the son of Henry Currie and Jackie Woods. Josh was a 2009 graduate of Jordan Matthews High and received an associate degree from Louisburg College. He was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as an usher and was active in all aspects of the church. He enjoyed his work serving his community and hunting.

Joshua Woods, firefighter, driver, and EMT, joined the Town of Siler City Fire Department in July 2013. Joshua rose through the ranks and was, as Chief Murphy put it, “a rising star of our department.” Joshua died in the line of duty the morning of January 12, 2016. He was responding to a cardiac arrest call with CPR in progress at approximately 1:00 a.m. when he lost control of his personally owned vehicle and left the roadway. The vehicle struck a tree, and Firefighter Woods died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. He will always be remembered for his love of family, willingness to help, and his big smile.

He is survived by his wife, Chelsea (Johnson) Woods; sons, Elijah, Ian, and Ezra Joshua; father, Henry Currie; mother, Jackie Woods; two sisters, Chastity Woods and Victoria Woods; two brothers, Henry Woods and Donovan Woods; and maternal grandmother, Peggy Woods.

“Josh Woods was an incredible man, dedicated fireman, and great friend. He could always be counted on to be there when he was needed.”
– Firefighter Mike Barbee, Siler City Fire Department

“It was an honor and a privilege to be able to help mentor Josh and teach him different things related to firefighting, whether it was catching a hydrant or pumping a truck.”
– Captain Michael Powers, Siler City Fire Department

“He was a very promising fireman. I am going to miss his special personality and character he brought to the firehouse with him. It will be hard to get used to him not being around after either seeing or talking to him every day for close to 20 years.”
– Captain Daniel Murphy, Siler City Fire Department