

Celebrating A Hero

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Chris Kelly WFD Lt | Trevor Frensic WFD Lt | Ryan LaPrade WFD FF
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HELMET BEARER

Michael Giangrande

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for your expressions of sympathy, caring, and compassion shown to us during these most difficult hours. Whether it was a prayer, a phone call, a visit, food, kind words or your presence, we want you to know how we are truly appreciative.

~The Menard Family

INTERMENT

Saint John's Cemetery
Cambridge Street
Worcester, MA

RECEPTION

Mechanics Hall
321 Main Street
Worcester, MA



LT. JASON "JAY" MENARD
APRIL 4, 1980 - NOVEMBER 13, 2019

11:00AM November 18, 2019

Saint John's Church
Worcester, MA

Most Rev. Robert Joseph McManus, Celebrant
Msgr. Thomas Sullivan, Fr. John Madden, Fr. Walter Riley, Fr. Jon Slavinkas

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God,
wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life,
whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late,
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert,
and hear the weakest shout,
quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling,
to give the best in me,
to guard my friend and neighbor,
and protect his property.
And if according to Your will
I must answer death's call,
bless with your protecting hand,
my family one and all.



Medal Presentation:

Martin E. Pierce Commemorative Line-of-Duty Death Medal
Presenters

Edward Kelly, General Secretary – Treasurer IAFF
Lt. Jay Colbert, IAFF District 3 Vice President
Lt. Michael Papagni, President IAFF Local 1009

Offertory Hymn

Presentation of the Gifts.....Josh, Hailee & Morgan

Communion Hymn

Eulogy:

Daniel Pace – A message from Christopher Pace

Lt. John Dwyer, President Emeritus IAFF Local 1009

Prayers of Commendation

Song of Farewell

Recessional Hymn



A LOVING TRIBUTE

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Opening Hymn

Placing of the Pall.....Cheryl & Peter Kelly
Francis & Theresa Mosso

First Reading.....Capt. Steve Oberg
Old Testament- Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading Lt. Matthew Berthiaume
New Testament -2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Gospel.....Fr. Walter Riley

Homily..... Fr. Walter Riley

Prayers of the Faithful

Bell Ceremony:

Lt. Michael Papagni, President IAFF Local 1009
Capt. Terrance Baudin, Vice President IAFF



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most
troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will
never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."



OBITUARY

Worcester Fire Lieutenant Jason James Menard, 39, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from injuries suffered when he became trapped in a four-alarm fire in Worcester, after helping his Ladder crew get to safety. Jason was born in Worcester, on April 4, 1980, the son of James Menard and Cheryl (Pike) Kelly. Jason graduated from Doherty Memorial High School, Class of 1999. This is where he met the Love of his Life Tina. The two would marry in 2003 and together they would go on to raise three beautiful children. Jason began his journey with the Worcester Fire Department on October 25, 2010. Throughout his career, Jason was assigned to Ladder 6 and Engine 11 of the Greendale Station and Engine 4 of the Park Avenue Station. On October 9, 2018, Jason was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Ladder 5 of the McKeon Road Station. When not working for the Fire Department, Jason worked for the Washburn-Garfield Corporation.

Jason is survived by his cherished family, his wife of sixteen years, Tina; their three children, Joshua, Hailee, and Morgan Menard; his mother and step-father, Cheryl (Pike) Kelly and Peter D. Kelly of Worcester; his sister, Heather Current and her husband Dan and their children Hannah and Macey of Shrewsbury; his father and mother-in-law, Francis and Theresa Mosso of Worcester; his maternal grandmother, Anne Clark of North Port, Florida. He also leaves behind many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends, Michael Giangrande, Jr., his wife Kristen and their children, Olivia, Sophia, and Dante. Jason was god father to three special girls who loved him dearly, Macey, Lilliana and Liberty. He is predeceased by his father, James Menard; his grandparents, William Pike, Paul and Mildred Menard. Jason was a true family man who wanted nothing but the best for them. He rarely missed a softball or basketball game, dance competition or any other activity his children were involved in. Dad was their biggest fan and supporter. Jason enjoyed camping and never turned down a board game challenge from his children. He loved working in the yard and everything Pumpkin Spice. His love for his family, his selflessness, and his unique sense of humor is how he will be remembered. Calling hours for Jason will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 3 pm to 7 pm in the MERCADANTE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 370 Plantation St. His funeral will be held Monday, November 18th at 11:00 am in St John's Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester (please go directly to church). Burial with Worcester Fire Department Honors will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances in Jason's name can be made to the Worcester Firefighters Scholarship Fund, 625 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602.

