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<http://www.odmp.org/officer/17625-police-officer-jackson-vernon-jack-lone>



Bio & Incident Details
Age: 39
Tour: 18 years
Badge # 5119
Cause: Drowned

Police Officer

Jackson Vernon "Jack" Lone

Seattle Police Department, Washington

End of Watch: Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Officer Jackson Lone drowned when he fell as he attempted to secure a drifting tugboat.

Officer Lone's partner immediately dove in and located him. CPR was performed, rescue units transported him to Harborview Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Officer Jackson Lone was an 18 year veteran of the department and had been assigned to the harbor patrol unit for 5 years. His wife and 18-month-old son survive him.

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OFFICER JACKSON V. LONE – EOW: 3-16-2005

On Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at about 0915 hours, Officer Jackson Lone and his partner of the Seattle Police Department's Harbor Patrol Unit responded to the Lake Washington Ship Canal between Fremont and Ballard to the report of a drifting tugboat. The tugboat had broken free from its mooring.

Upon locating the tug, Officer Lone went ashore near the 3600 block of 3rd Avenue NW on the north side of the ship canal. He was using a rope as he stood atop a sea wall when he slipped and fell into the water. His partner, who had been using a police boat to push the tug towards shore, jumped into the water and pulled Officer Lone out. However, by the time his partner was able to reach him, Officer Lone was under about six feet of water for eight to ten minutes.



Officer Lone had removed his "float coat," a personal floatation device, while standing ashore as he worked to secure the old tug boat.

After being brought to shore, members of the SPD Harbor Patrol, North Precinct and the Seattle Fire Department performed CPR on Officer Lone before he was transported to Harborview Medical Center. Doctors reported that Officer Lone had a very large bruise on his head, indicating that Officer Lone struck his head on rocks when he fell.

He was pronounced dead at 1306 hours.

JACKSON V. LONE - End of Watch: March 16, 2005

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/about-the-department/line-of-duty-deaths>



Jackson Lone
Commission Date:
April 21, 1987
Rank: Harbor Patrol
Officer

On March 16, 2005, Harbor Patrol Officer Jackson Lone was responding to a call on the Lake Union waterway. He went ashore to tie off a tugboat and fell into the water. He was pulled from the water by his partner, and response crews from Harbor Patrol and the North Precinct began CPR.

Officer Lone was treated by the Seattle Fire Department medics at the scene and then transported to Harborview Medical Center, where he later died. Officer Lone, 39 years of age and an 18-year veteran of the Seattle Police Department, worked in a variety of assignments including patrol in the East Precinct, Narcotics Unit and Fugitive Warrants Unit, as well as a year-long assignment with the DEA Task Force.

Officer Lone is survived by his wife and his 18-month old son.

Fallen Seattle policeman honored Officers, firefighters from throughout region attend service

<http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Fallen-Seattle-policeman-honored-1169234.php#photo-643090>

March 22, 2005 By HECTOR CASTRO, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

From around the Pacific Northwest they came -- police officers, deputies, Mounties and firefighters in the hundreds.

They wore dress uniforms, plain clothes and even kilts and arrived by boat, fire truck, motorcycle and horse.

And all came for one purpose: to offer their respects to Seattle police Officer [Jackson Lone](#), who drowned last week in the waters of the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

Yesterday, the 18-year veteran everyone recalled as a gregarious man with an infectious good nature was remembered in a somber ceremony at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion on the [University of Washington](#) campus. Lone, 39, died March 16.

Though much remains unclear about Lone's death, he was ashore in an effort to tie up the boat when he fell into the water and drowned.

The accident remains under investigation by both Seattle police and the state [Department of Labor and Industries](#).

But yesterday was about remembering Lone.

By 10 a.m., a flotilla of vessels left the Harbor Patrol station on [Lake Union](#) heading for the UW campus, steaming along in a single column under a bright blue sky.

Within the hour, the funeral procession began, leaving Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park & Funeral Home in North Seattle, led by more than 50 motorcycle officers.

They were minus one officer, hurt when she had an accident during a practice run and broke her leg.

Seattle fire medics took the officer to [Harborview Medical Center](#).

The officers leading the funeral procession, mounted on Harley-Davidsons and BMWs, slowly headed south with blue and red lights flashing.

Behind them rode the hearse bearing Lone's ashes, as well as several black limousines carrying his family, friends and other mourners.

Patrol officers lined the street along Aurora Avenue North and saluted as the procession passed.

People on sidewalks paused from working or shopping to watch the somber procession.

At [Blanchet High School](#), which Lone attended and where some teachers still remember him and cried at his passing, students gathered under a tall sign in big black letters: "Jack Lone, Rest in Peace."

Scores of officers, including the entire Harbor Patrol, waited outside the pavilion. The flashing blue and red lights of the motorcycles were the first sign of the procession's arrival, then came the low rumble of their engines.

Behind them, in formation, came the [Portland Police Department's](#) Highland Guard, in kilts, playing bagpipes, and Seattle's mounted patrol, with one member leading a riderless horse.

With Montlake Boulevard closed to traffic, the music, the whirring of news helicopters and the flapping of a flag suspended from [Seattle Fire Department](#) ladder trucks, were the only sounds interrupting the mournful silence.

Inside, at least 1,000 officers and friends of Lone gathered as eulogies recalled a man whose charm could win over almost anyone.

Officer [Matthew Nichols](#), who served with Lone for the past five years in the Harbor Patrol, said his wife could always tell when he worked a shift with Lone because he came home in such a good mood.

"I loved just being with him," he said.

Fitting, then, that amid the tears, there was also laughter as friends remembered Lone and his antics -- the time he ran through the East Precinct wearing a rubber glove on his head; the suggestion he made to Deputy Chief [Clark Kimmerer](#) that the weakest part of a class he taught at an academy included pretty much everything he said after introducing himself; and his habit of hugging [Charles Mandigo](#), who was then the special agent in charge of the local FBI office.



Saluting a fallen colleague, police officers and firefighters from around the region attended a memorial service for Seattle police Officer Jackson Lone at the University of Washington. Lone drowned while trying to secure a tugboat last week



Seattle police Chief Gil Kerlikowske salutes Officer Jackson Lone's wife, Jeannie, after she was presented with a flag at a memorial service for her husband.

"Jackson would pick him up and give him a big hug," retired agent [David Burroughs](#) said. "This was obviously not acceptable behavior."

The ceremony included a slide show of photos from Lone's life as a young teenage lifeguard; on the day he married his wife, Jeannie; carrying his 18-month-old son, Dawson; and in the uniform of a Seattle police officer.

His was a career marked by dramatic highs, including the rescue about four years ago of a woman who jumped into Lake Union hoping to end her life.

But Lone was there to pull her out and save her.

She wrote a note to Lone's wife after his death, Nichols said.

"Jackson affected and was loved by more people than any of us will ever know, and he will be greatly missed," he said.

Chief [Gil Kerlikowske](#) told those gathered that Lone's death has left an emptiness in the department.

"I'm constantly proud of the [Seattle Police Department](#)," he said, then added in a voice that cracked with emotion, "And I was very proud of Jack."

Memorial honors Harbor Patrol member who died in accident

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/memorial-honors-harbor-patrol-member-who-died-in-accident/>

March 23, 2005 By Sara Jean Green *Seattle Times staff reporter*

The memorial for the 39-year-old officer at the University of Washington's Edmundson Pavilion was the first in the 100-year history of the Harbor Patrol.

When a suicidal woman jumped from the Lake Washington Ship Canal Bridge four years ago, Seattle police Officer Jackson "Jack" V. Lone was the first to reach her and pull her to safety.

At the news of Lone's death last week, that woman thought enough of Lone to send a letter of condolence to Lone's fellow officers.

At a memorial for Lone yesterday, friends and family shared that and their grief at losing the 18-year veteran in an on-duty accident on the Lake Washington Ship Canal last Wednesday.

The woman's letter was later given to Lone's wife, Jeannie.

"I loved Jackson Lone very much; I loved just being with him," Seattle police Officer Matthew Nichols told hundreds of mourners, including firefighters and law-enforcement officials from roughly 40 federal, state, county and city agencies from British Columbia to Oregon.

"Jackson touched so many lives," said Nichols, who first worked with Lone as a patrol officer and later as a member of the Seattle Police Department's highly trained Harbor Patrol. "From the marine-battery salesman to the woman he rescued after she jumped off the I-5 bridge ... Jackson affected and was loved by more people than any us will ever know."

The memorial for the 39-year-old officer at the University of Washington's Edmundson Pavilion was the first in the 100-year history of the Harbor Patrol, a close-knit unit of about 30 members who work not only as police officers but also as boat operators, marine firefighters and rescue divers.

Before the accident, Lone and his partner were working to secure an old tugboat that had broken loose from its mooring in the Ship Canal.

Lone apparently took off his "float coat," a personal flotation device, as he worked from the shore to pull the tug in while his partner, aboard a police vessel, pushed the tug toward a seawall. It appears Lone slipped, hit his head and fell into the water. He was under 6 feet of water for up to 10 minutes before his partner was able to pull him out. Lone later died at Harborview Medical Center.

Earlier, with a King County sheriff's helicopter providing an overhead escort, a flotilla of police vessels traveled from the Harbor Patrol Station on Lake Union, where Lone worked for the past five years, through the Montlake Cut to the UW boathouse.

The officer's name was printed in blue letters along the side of Patrol 4, the largest of the Seattle police boats, which colleagues said Lone loved to drive.

Meanwhile, 1,000 students from Bishop Blanchet High — the school Lone graduated from in 1984 — lined Aurora Avenue North to wave as the motorcade carried the officer's family from the Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home to the memorial service.

Inside the arena, Lone's diving gear and firefighting equipment were displayed on a temporary stage. As an honor guard saluted, Lone's brother-in-law and fellow Seattle police officer, James Van De Bogart, solemnly carried a box containing Lone's ashes to the stage.

A montage of photographs from Lone's childhood and his early days with the Police Department to pictures of Lone cradling his son were projected onto a large screen. There was laughter, too, as various speakers shared stories about Lone on the golf course, on the basketball court, and on road trips.

"He probably contributed more to my sense of humility than anyone else on the planet," said Deputy Police Chief Clark Kimerer, recounting a story in which Lone chastised him for "taking up oxygen" in a rather pompous speech to new recruits.

Near the end of the ceremony, Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske knelt first before Lone's wife and then his mother, Bettie Lone, and presented each woman with a folded American flag.

"If ever you were in the same room with Jack, if he didn't know you when you walked into the room, he knew you walking out," said Harbor Patrol Sgt. Kevin Haistings. "Jack was one of those guys who could say or do anything — he had a daring personality that let him get away with stuff."

For members of the Harbor Patrol, the loss of such a vibrant, charismatic personality has been difficult to accept, Haistings said.

"He was doing something as common to us as crossing the street to get lunch," Haistings said. "It's difficult for us because it was such a routine task. ... For most of us, it doesn't make a lot of sense."

Officer who drowned took off life jacket

<http://www.heraldnet.com/news/officer-who-drowned-took-off-life-jacket/>

Mar 26th, 2005

SEATTLE – A Seattle police Harbor Patrol officer who drowned in Lake Washington Ship Canal had removed his life jacket before he slipped and hit his head while trying to secure a tugboat, a police investigation has determined.

Even if Jackson Lone had been wearing the jacket, he might not have survived because it appeared he was knocked unconscious before falling into the water, Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske said Friday.

Lone and his partner, Officer Tom Blair, were working March 16 to secure a tug whose bow line had broken free. Lone had climbed ashore to secure the line, and in the process had removed his jacket.

Department policies would not have required Lone to wear the jacket while on shore, Kerlikowske said.

Lone, 39 and an 18-year police veteran, drowned March 16. He had been with the Harbor Patrol for five years.