

04-04-1958 Williamsport PA – Raymond Schroll – LEO GW Boat Accident Rescue



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<http://www.odmp.org/officer/11907-fish-warden-raymond-leroy-schroll-jr>



Bio & Incident Details

Age: Not available

Tour: 6 years

Badge # Not available

Cause: Drowned

Fish Warden

Raymond Leroy Schroll, Jr.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania

End of Watch: Friday, April 4, 1958

Fish Warden Raymond Schroll drowned while attempting to rescue a fellow officer after their boat capsized on the Susquehanna River below Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

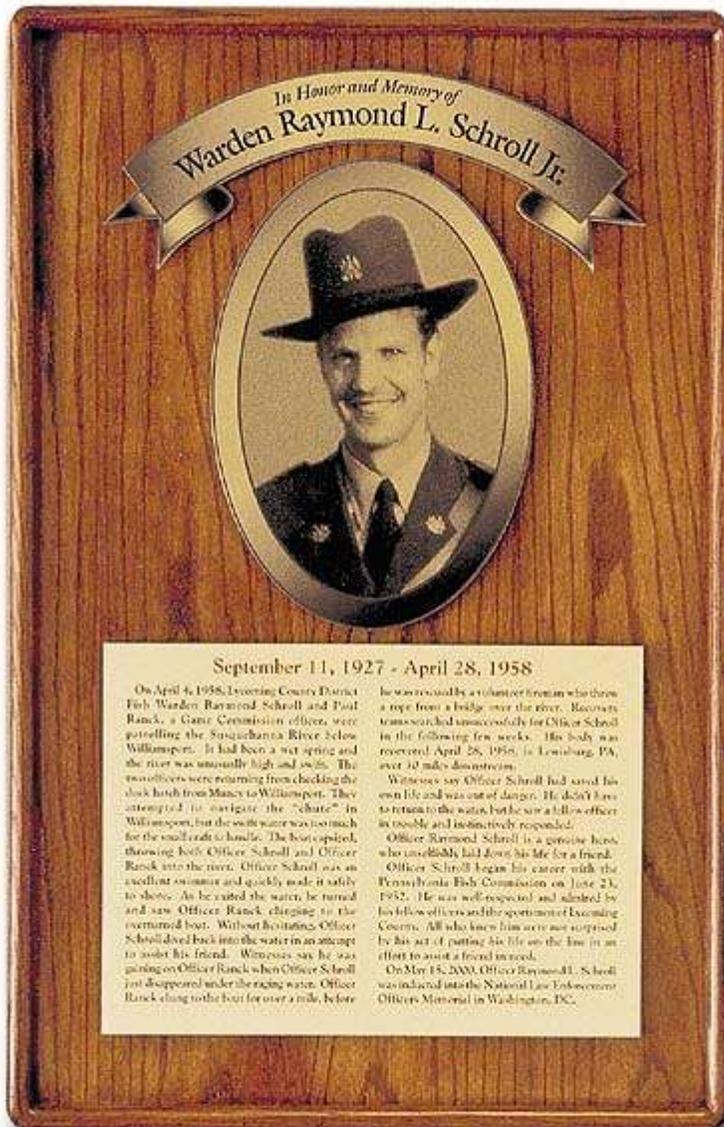
The river was running unusually high and the small patrol boat they were in capsized. Both officers were thrown into the water and Warden Schroll swam to shore.

As he exited the water, he turned and saw that his partner was still clinging to the boat. He dove back into the water in an attempt to rescue the officer but was pulled under and disappeared. His body wasn't recovered until April 28, 1958, 30 miles downstream of where he went under. His partner was rescued approximately one mile downstream after clinging to the boat for over one hour.

Warden Schroll had served with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for six years.

REMEMBERING FISH WARDEN RAYMOND L. SCHROLL

<http://www.fishandboat.com/Regulations/Enforcement/Pages/RaymondLSchroll.aspx>



On May 15, 2000 a special remembrance ceremony was held in Washington, D.C. as new names were added to those engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Included on the list of names added at this year's dedication was Pennsylvania Fish Warden Raymond Leroy Schroll Jr.

On April 4, 1958, Schroll, the Lycoming County District Fish Warden, and Paul Ranck, a Game Commission officer, were patrolling the Susquehanna River below Williamsport. It had been a wet spring and the river was unusually high and swift. The two officers were returning from checking the duck hatch from Muncy to Williamsport when the swift water became too much for the small craft to handle. The boat capsized, throwing both Officer Schroll and Officer Ranck into the river. Officer Schroll was an excellent swimmer and quickly made it safely to shore. As he exited the

water, he turned and saw Officer Ranck clinging to the overturned boat. Without hesitating, Officer Schroll dove back into the water in an attempt to assist his friend. Witnesses say he was gaining on Officer Ranck when Officer Schroll suddenly disappeared under the raging water.

Officer Ranck clung to the boat for over a mile before he was rescued by a volunteer fireman who threw a rope from a bridge over the river. Recovery teams searched unsuccessfully for Officer Schroll in the following few weeks. His body was recovered April 28, 1958, in Lewisburg, PA, over 30 miles downstream.

Witnesses say Officer Schroll had saved his own life and was out of danger. He didn't have to return to the water, but he saw a fellow officer in trouble and instinctively responded. Officer Raymond Schroll is a genuine hero, who unselfishly laid down his life for a friend.

Officer Schroll began his career with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission on June 23, 1952. All who knew him were not surprised by his act of putting his life on the line in an effort to assist a friend in need. Raymond Schroll was respected and greatly admired for his work in his too-short time with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. The addition of his name on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was a long-overdue tribute to the ultimate sacrifice by an officer in the line of duty.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991 by President George Bush. It honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Inscribed on the Memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of more than 14,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794. Designed by Washington, D.C. architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial is located on three acres of federal park land called Judiciary Square. The site has served for some 200 years as the seat of our nation's judicial branch of government. Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance," where the names of the fallen officers are engraved.

For more information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, visit the website at www.nleomf.com.

<http://www.nleomf.org/newsroom/news-releases/deadly-dangers-patroling-our.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

Pennsylvania Fish Warden Raymond Schroll Jr., who in 1958 had nearly swum ashore after his boat overturned in a rain-swollen river, but drowned when he heard his partner's cries for help and returned to attempt a rescue.