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Ty Edward Massey



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**Auxiliary Police Officer
Ty Edward Massey**

Colona Police Department, Illinois

End of Watch: Saturday, May 15, 1993

Auxiliary Officer Ty Massey drowned after being carried away in a swollen river after responding to a call of a vehicle which had been swept off a bridge.

Auxiliary Officer Massey had served with the Colona Police Department for one year. He was survived by his unborn child, parents and sister.

Ty E. Massey

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fq.cgi?page=gr&GRid=107779515>

Birth:	Feb. 24, 1970 Rock Island Rock Island County Illinois, USA
Death:	May 11, 1993 Colona Henry County Illinois, USA

Ty E. Massey, 23, died Saturday May 15, 1993, in an accident while serving as an

auxilliary police officer with the Colona Police Department.

Ty E. Massey is the son of Guy E. and Joan Martin Massey. He graduated from United Township High School in 1988. He was a 1992 graduate of Black Hawk College, with an associates degree in criminal justice.

He was employed in sales at Menards Lumber, Moline, IL. He was a member of First Free Will Baptist Church, Green Rock, and Harvester Bass Association. He enjoyed participating in sports, camping and hunting.

Survivors include his parents, a sister and a son born after his death.

Note: Ty's published obituary and the Social Security Death Index states he died May 15, 1993. His family lost him on May 11, 1993 and his body was recovered on May 15, 1993.

Family links:

Parents:

[Guy E. Massey \(1945 - 2011\)](#)

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Feb 27, 1994 By Lydia Sage Staff writer

Ty Massey to be honored in national ceremony

COLONA -- Nearly a year after Ty Massey died while responding to an emergency call, the Colona Police Department auxiliary officer will be honored at a May ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Through the efforts of Colona Police Chief Ray Kutzman, the name of the young officer, who would have turned 24 Thursday, will be included with those of hundreds of other law-enforcement officers listed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington's Judiciary Square.

Officer Massey becomes the 16th Quad-Cities police officer to die in the line of duty and have his name added to the memorial. The name of former Clinton, Iowa, police officer Todd Stone also will be added in the May ceremony. Officer Stone died in a car chase on Jan. 27, 1993.

Officer Massey drowned last May 11 as he and other Colona-area authorities investigated the report of a car in the river east of Colona.

Colona Fire Chief John Swan tried to rescue Officer Massey, whose body was swept downstream where it was found four days later.

Chief Kutzman said he believed it a fitting tribute that Officer Massey's name be included on the memorial. The chief said he believes that the volunteer officer had the makings of a fine professional law-enforcement officer.

Officer Massey's parents, Joan and Guy Massey of Moline, and several other family members plan to attend the ceremonies in Washington, D.C., May 13-16, in which 250 officers will be honored.

The ceremonies are held in conjunction with National Police Week.

Mrs. Massey said her son's inclusion on the memorial, along with other posthumous awards, has made the tragedy somewhat easier to bear and made her son's short life "even more meaningful."

"All he ever wanted to be was a police officer," she said. "I think he would be proud of this."

Memorial honors law enforcement officers killed on duty

http://qctimes.com/news/local/memorial-honors-law-enforcement-officers-killed-on-duty/article_c1ef21a4-384d-11de-844c-001cc4c002e0.html

May 3, 2009 Mary Louise Speer

Bright sun shone on Tyler Massey as the 15-year-old knelt and placed a flower in the memorial for his father during Sunday's Quad-Cities Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service.

His father, Colona auxiliary police officer Ty Massey, drowned while on duty May 15, 1993.

White flowers lined the blue wreath honoring area law enforcement officers who gave their lives while on duty. Nestled in the floral tributes was a pink flower for Bettendorf Police Explorer Sheryl Horak who died April 25 1987.

"We lost Ty in May, we got the gift of Tyler in December," Joan Massey, Ty's mother and Tyler's grandmother, said. "It's nice to know they're not forgotten."

She appreciates knowing that it's not just their family, but the whole community and law enforcement remembering Ty and officers who died while serving their community. Ty would be proud to see his son growing up, she said.

"It's nice that everyone can get together to meet the fallen officers," Tyler said. The ceremony began with mournful sounds of bagpipes and officers standing at attention, white-gloved hands in salute at Harvest Bible Chapel in Davenport. It ended with the echo of taps fading into silence at the Rock Island County Justice Center, Rock Island.

Dozens of officers representing departments from Rock Island, Scott, Clinton, Lee, Warren, Muscatine and Henry counties, Iowa and Illinois state law enforcement and their families attended the ceremony and participated in the procession from Davenport to Rock Island.

Seeing police officers brings out a variety of emotions from people in the community.

"I know there's been times when I wanted nothing more than to see a police officer show up," said the Rev. Curtis Fee, chaplain for the memorial and of New Life Christian Church of Davenport. "And there's been times where I wanted nothing less than to see a police officer show up."

He talked about a stormy day when he found himself waiting for help after his vehicle slid into a ditch. Fee was thankful to see an officer show up.

"We deeply appreciate all you do," he said.

Detective Wyatt Heyvaert of the Moline Police Department sang "If Heaven," the words evoking images tears shed by law enforcement at times when a fellow officer dies, a child is murdered or a family felled by another family member.

Flashing red and blue lights announced the arrival of motorcycle officers and squad cars at the Justice Center in Rock Island. Officer Bruce Schwarz of the Bettendorf Police Department led a riderless horse, Rusty. The saddle was empty and the boots reversed in the stirrups, a symbol of the leader looking back at his followers one last time.

Rock Island Mayor Mark Schwiebert lauded the officers who gave a last full measure of themselves.

Police officers, sheriff's deputies and state patrol troopers leave for work every day, wrapped in protective gear to try and keep themselves safe.

"It serves as an unpleasant reminder to the officer that the enemy exists," Detective Terry Garmon of Moline Police Department said.