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IN MEMORIAM

Staff Sergeant Ray Rangel

23 September 1975 ~ 13 February 2005

7th Bomb Wing, Civil Engineer Squadron
Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

1530

18 February 2005

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* ARRIVAL OF CAISSON

* MUSIC "Amazing Grace"

* NATIONAL ANTHEM

MSgt John Reinoehl
First Sergeant, 7th CES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Mr. Christopher Cocke

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

SSgt Michael Degering

A FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

Amn Brian Wheeler

MUSIC "Scottish Soldier"

EULOGY SSgt Carlos Bosch
Lead Fire Inspector

EULOGY MSgt Timothy Brown
Deputy Fire Chief

POEM SSgt Jason M. Rangel

"Gone but Not Forgotten"

MUSIC "Lord Lovat's Lament"

MEDITATION Ch, Maj Effson C. Bryant, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF HELMET, NAME TAG, AND BADGE

WORDS FROM SQUADRON COMMANDER Lt Col Barry Mines
Commander, 7th CES

WORDS FROM WING COMMANDER Colonel Garrett Harencak
Commander, 7th Bomb Wing

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL Colonel Garrett Harencak

PRESENTATION OF FLAG Brigadier General Mark E. Stearns
Vice Commander, 12th Air Force

BENEDICTION Ch Bryant

BELL CEREMONY

WALK-BY Fire Department Personnel

MUSIC "When the Battles Or'e"

MUSIC "Amazing Grace"

* DEPARTURE OF CAISSON

* Indicates we stand together to worship God and honor our nation

Please join us for a reception at the Fire Department
following the service of worship

Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God
Whenever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it's too late
Or save an older person
From the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently
Put the fire out

I want to fill my calling
And to give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
And protect his property.

And if according to Your will
I have to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my wife.

Amen.



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Ray Rangel was born in San Antonio Texas, on 23 September 1975. He graduated from South San Antonio High School in San Antonio, Texas in 1994. He was certified through Department of Defense and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) as Firefighter II, Airport Firefighter, Driver/Operator Pumper, Driver/Operator ARFF, Fire Officer I, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II, Hazardous Materials (Awareness, Operations and Technician), Telecommunicator I/II.

SSgt Rangel enlisted in the United States Air Force on 28 September 1994. He attended the Department of Defense Lewis F. Garland Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. His advanced/specialized training included: Airport Crash Firefighting, Silent War (Infectious Diseases), Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Domestic Preparedness (Awareness Level), Emergency Response to Terrorism. Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents Operations Level (WMD), Terrorism Response/Emergency Care, and Critical Incident Stress Management: Basic.

SSgt Rangel's career took him to Lackland AFB, Texas, September 1994 to November 1994; Goodfellow AFB, Texas, November 1994 to February 1995; Spangdahlem AB, Germany, February 1995 to March 1998; Whiteman AFB, Missouri, March 1998 to September 2001; Clear AFB, Alaska, September 2001 to September 2002; Dyess AFB, Texas, September 2002 to February 2005.

SSgt Rangel's decorations included: AF Training Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle), USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, AF Longevity Service (1 device), AF Overseas Ribbon Long, AF Overseas Ribbon Short, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (1 device), National Defense Service Medal (1 device), AF Good Conduct Medal (3 devices), AF Outstanding Unit Award (2 devices), and Air Force Achievement Medal (2 devices).

SSgt Rangel was married to the former Selena Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, and has four children: Justin, age 10; Jacob, age 9; Gabriel age 7; and Lilliana, age 5.



Fallen Firefighter Table

The helmet represents all who have served.

The table is round, to show that our concern for them is never-ending.

The white table cloth symbolizes the purity
of their intentions to respond.

The white rose is for those who witnessed and experienced tragedy
and destruction firsthand, and are still with us today.

The red rose is for those who made the ultimate sacrifice
– they gave their life so that others could live.

A slice of lemon is to remind us of life's sometimes bitter fate.

The salt symbolizes the tears shed
by friends and family of our missing firefighters.

The glass is inverted
– our missing brothers and sisters cannot toast with us.

The candle symbolizes the spirit of the firefighter
– past, present, and future.

The chair is empty – they are not here, but let us not forget them.



Bell Ceremony

The men and women of today's fire service are confronted with a more dangerous work environment than ever before. We are forced to continually change our strategies and tactics to accomplish our tasks. Our methods may change, but our goals remain the same as they were in the past, to save lives and to protect property, sometimes at a terrible cost. This is what we do, this is our chosen profession, and this is the tradition of the fire fighter. The fire service of today is ever changing, but is steeped in traditions 200 years old. One such tradition is the sound of a bell.

In the past, as fire fighters began their tour of duty, it was the bell that signaled the beginning of that day's shift. Throughout the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell, which summoned these brave souls to fight fires and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow citizen. And when the fire was out and the alarm had come to an end, it was the bell that signaled to all the completion of that call. When a fire fighter had died in the line of duty, paying the supreme sacrifice, it was the mournful toll of the bell that solemnly announced a comrades passing.

We utilize these traditions as symbols, which reflect honor and respect on those who have given so much and who have served so well. To symbolize the devotion that these brave souls had for their duty, a special signal of three rings, three times each, represents the end of our comrades' duties and that they will be returning to quarters. And so, to those who have selflessly given their lives for the good of their fellow man, their tasks completed, their duties well done, to our comrades, their last alarm, they are going home.