



## Raymond Luniewski

March 18, 2012

Age 87 October 7, 1924 - March 12, 2012 Formerly of NE Minneapolis. Preceded in death by wife, Marilyn; brother, Edward; parents, James and Stefania. Survived by children, Steven Sr. (Donna), Mark, Nancy (Jeff) Pofert, and Thomas; grandchildren, Steven Jr., Tim (Courtney), Jason (Jessica), Nicole, Lee, Mike and Dan Pofert, Jenny (Tim) McClain, Raymond (Traci), Marcus (Brittney), Ashlee (Alex) Wredberg; and 20 great-grandchildren. Born and raised in NE Mpls., graduate of Edison High School, served in the Pacific theater in WWII. 40 year veteran of the Mpls. Fire Dept, retired as Deputy Chief Director of Training. Loving father and husband. He was a jack-of-all-trades and was a great resource to his kids and grandkids. A special thank you to Sara Connell of Allina Hospice Care. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to the Minneapolis Firefighters Hall & Museum. A fireman knocked at the heavenly gate His face was scarred and old He stood before the man of fate For admission to the fold "What have you done," Saint Peter said, "To gain admission here?" "I've been a firefighter, sir," he said, "For many, many a year." The pearly gates swung open wide, As Saint Peter touched the bell - "Come in and choose your harp, my son, "You've seen your share of hell." ~~ Author unknown ~~ Private inurnment at Fort Snelling at a later date. Memorial Mass will be held on Tue., March 20, 11AM at the Church of the Epiphany 1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids with a visitation one hour prior, and visitation Mon., March 19 from 5-8PM at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.



# Tribute Wall

TL

“ *It's been a week since you left this life and joined Jesus. You are on my mind every waking moment. I will forever miss your knowledge and love you so readily shared with us kids. I hope I can pass on to my kids what you have instilled in me. Love you and miss you Tommy J.*

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*Tom Luniewski,*

*Anoka, Minnesota*

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**Tom Luniewski** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Nancy - I am so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I still remember your Dad's sense of humor and warm smile. He is in good hands now, may he rest in peace.

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*Sam Theis,*

*Prior Lake, Minnesota*

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**Sam Theis** - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Dad's two favorite vehicles. RIP and FIMT Dad.*

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*Nancy Poferl,*

*White Bear Lake, Minnesota*

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**Nancy Poferl** - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom --- My sympathy to you and your family over the loss of your Father.May he rest in eternal peace.Roger Zbikowski -- Minneapolis*

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March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My dad and your dad were firemen at station 6. My dad-Robert Rylander-used to bring me there -I was 3 or 4. I told Ray to get his hairy arms off the table I was little and have better manners now! Clayton Ford always told that story! Ray always shared a bottle of soda with me. My dad passed in 1987. I'm happy you had so many more years with yours! My sincere sympathy.

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*Linda Rylander Wamsley,*

*Bloomington*

*Contact Me*

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**Linda Rylander Wamsley** - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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*Roger and Mary Fran Schwartz,*

*Brooklyn Center, Minnesota*

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**Roger and Mary Fran Schwartz** - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve, Mark Nancy & Tom. Gene & I Have some nice memories of your Dad. Gene always talks about the polish sausage he'd would make when we got to gather .He was a good cook. No one could do it like Ray. We'll miss him alot. Marilyn and Gene Johnson*

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March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I am so very sorry for loss!

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*Amanda Gillen,*

*stillwater, Minnesota*

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**Amanda Gillen** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Steven, Mark, Nancy & Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a very special person and I was very lucky to have him as my “Godfather”. Our world will be a little less bright without his smile. To help ease your sadness hold on to all the many memories you have made as a family in the years you all had together. Take care. Bill & Linda Burkard

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March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *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 comrade's 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 devoted 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. FIRE FIGHTER'S PRAYER  
When I am called to duty, God Wherever flames may rage Give me strength to save a life Whatever be its age. Let 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, and 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 their property. And, if, according to your will, While on duty I must answer death's call; Bless with your protecting hand My family, one and all.*

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*Thomas Luniewski,*

*Anoka, Minnesota*

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**Thomas Luniewski** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Sweet dreams, God bless you, and let the angels watch over you.

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*Nancy Rae Poferl,*

*White Bear Lake, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Nancy Rae Poferl** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Friends, Steve, Mark, Nancy and Tom, Gods peace, love and understanding to you and your family. Relieved to hear his passing was peaceful. It must have been a blessing to be with him and say goodbye. We were privileged to know him and he will be missed by many. We Love You, Randy & Sharon Roen*

*Cottage Grove, Minnesota*

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March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Luniewski Family, my deepest sympathies on your fathers passing. I lived across the street from your parents in Fridley. I was always at their house & with your dad would always take me to some of the fires they had, the day after. I have wonderful memories of your dad & am grateful that he led me to my career as a fireman here in Las Vegas. I am forever blessed to have had your father as a mentor of sorts & I think about his advice, wisdom & laughter often. Rest in peace Chief...FF David Pawlyshyn IAFF L1883*

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*David Pawlyshyn,*

*Henderson, Nevada*

*Contact Me*

**David Pawlyshyn** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Steve, Mark, Nancy and Tom, Your dad was a great, great person and will be missed by so many. I am fortunate to have so many wonderful memories and funny stories to fill the void I feel in my heart. He was a dad to me also. May he be at peace and continue to watch over all of us. Love, Donna

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*Donna Luniewski,*

*San Diego, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Donna Luniewski** - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM