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James Dougherty, Detective Sergeant

DOUGHERTY, JAMES D., Detective Sergeant, Rhode Island State Police, 41, of West Greenwich, died Sunday of injuries sustained from an automobile accident. He was the beloved husband, and best friend, of Diane M. (Napolillo) Dougherty, Detective Corporal, Rhode Island State Police. They were married for 14 1/2 years.

Born in Newport, Rhode Island, he was a son of James L. Dougherty (Retired, RISP) and Dale (Richardson) Dougherty of Newport.

James was a member of the 1990 Training Academy Class and after graduating was assigned to uniform patrol. In 1995, he was selected to the detective bureau, where he served in the Narcotics Unit, Intelligence Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Lottery Investigations and A.C.I. Investigations. In 2004, he was promoted to Corporal, and assigned to the Wickford Barracks as shift supervisor and in 2008, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant and assigned as supervisor in the Narcotics Unit. During his career, Sergeant Dougherty earned many commendations for his investigative abilities.

He was a 1986 graduate of Rogers High School, where he participated in varsity Football, Hockey and Baseball. He continued his education at Salve Regina University, and earned a B.S and Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University.

James devoted much of his off duty time giving back to the community as a football coach in the Pop Warner Football league. He coached the Edgewood Eagles to a 2008 undefeated season to win the Rhode Island / South Eastern Massachusetts Championship, and also devoted time to the Exeter / West Greenwich Youth Football League. He also coached the Pee Wee division.

Beside his wife and parents, he leaves a brother, Steven J. Dougherty and his wife Shauna; a sister, Kimberly Dougherty; two nephews, Casey Dougherty and Raj Napolillo; four nieces, Alycia Dougherty, Courtney Clarke, Sarah Rose Napolillo and Maya Napolillo; mother in law Dorothy Napolillo; father in law E. Richard Napolillo and his wife Lauren; brother in laws Dr. David Napolillo and his wife Dr. Jaimini Desai and Richard Napolillo.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the West End Community Center, 109 Bucklin Street, Providence, RI 02907 in his memory will be appreciated.

March 2010 meeting to be held at "Ninos"

Up Coming Events!

June - Steakfry \$30/pp

July 2th - McCoy Stadium \$15/pp

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