

Sgt. James S. Noyes Scholarship for Courage

Each year since 1996, the New Hampshire Retired State Troopers Association has presented this scholarship to a deserving graduate of Kennett High School, who exhibits the extraordinary traits of courage, integrity, and leadership, shown by Sergeant James Noyes, New Hampshire State Police, who was killed in the line of duty by a crazed gunman, in Gilford, on October 3, 1994. He was only 40 years old.

Sgt. Noyes came from a large, loving family from Haverhill Massachusetts. He became one of three Noyes brothers who proudly served as State Troopers. His brother, Sgt. (retired) Steve Noyes also served in the NH State Police, and Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Charles Noyes served in the Massachusetts State Police.

Sgt. James Noyes had served 17 years in the State Police, and lived in Madison, NH with his wife Deborah, sons Nathan and Dan, and daughter Brianna. He worked in some of the most challenging assignments in the State Police, including the Major Crime Unit, the Narcotics Unit and the SWAT team. He served with extreme courage, honor and integrity, always showing those many traits while striving to serve and protect the citizens of New Hampshire.

He also spent much of his personal time coaching and mentoring student athletes in the Mt. Washington Valley, to include baseball, football and skiing. Many of those, including his own children, went on to excel scholastically, as well as in sports, inspired by those traits that he espoused.

It is fitting that the first recipient of this award was Nathan Noyes, his son, who has gone on to also serve proudly as a member of the NH State Police. The honor and courage of Sgt. James S. Noyes will live on through his extraordinary law enforcement family, and this memorial scholarship in his name.