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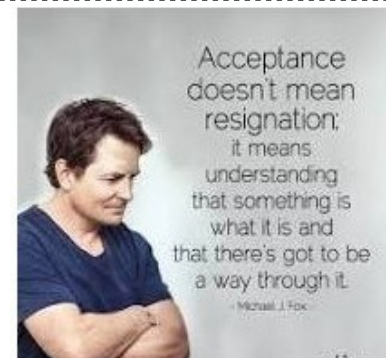
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Daryl Buhrman*

It's only been a few months since I last wrote to you. My hope at that time was that everyone was doing well and surviving. Well, surprise, my life has changed drastically since that last article, and I haven't been doing all that well. Those on our email list already know that I've been diagnosed with cancer of the left kidney. This has totally knocked me for a loop. I know that many of our members have fought or are currently also fighting cancer and can relate to how you feel when you receive that initial diagnosis. It's scary as hell. However, my doctors tell me that it can surgically be removed, and I should be cancer free. "Should" is the operative word here. I don't know yet if I will have to have chemotherapy or immunotherapy. I'll find out as soon as I see an oncologist. I don't tell you this so that you feel sorry for me. I'm telling you this in case you wonder why I've been taking a back seat in running the organization. I'm still here. I'm still making bad jokes and keeping my spirit up. And I'm still working as best I can, but others are helping me complete my tasks, and for that I am grateful. I'll keep you updated.

Now for the business of the organization:

Mike May: I am not the only one dealing with a health issue. Please see his article on page 11 of this newsletter.

Raffle: The raffle is doing reasonably well considering the economy. If you would still like to purchase tickets, please let us know at BRPBAOffice.com, or if you don't have email, give me a call at 410-803-2293 and leave a message. Just a reminder though... you can purchase tickets up to the drawing at our Holiday Party.

Holiday Party; As I mentioned in my previous paragraph, we will be having our annual Holiday Party on December

18th at 6:00 p.m. Location: Knights of Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue, Perry Hall. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a free dinner, win some money maybe, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow retirees/widows.

Memorabilia: I have received several interesting items of memorabilia that we will be auctioning off next spring. Stay tuned!


Hurricanes: As you are all aware, the East Coast of the USA has suffered some horrible destruction and loss due to two hurricanes, Milton and Helene. We have tried to reach out to our members in the zones that received the most damage. We were unable to reach some of them. We did, however, reach one widow who lives in NC who pretty much lost everything. The BRPBA and members attending our October meeting, joined together to send this wonderful lady a pretty decent check. I know this kind woman was grateful as I spoke to her on the phone after she received it. Our members are some very wonderful people.

If there is anyone who also suffered as a result of those two hurricanes, please let us know.

And lastly,

Election: Our election was held on November 20th. Please see our list on Page 4 of who your new Board Members are. We are all honored to serve you.

Please, everyone, take care, and enjoy your holidays, and thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in my life.



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Just a quick note on the performance of our pension fund for Fiscal Year 2024 that ended June 30th. Preliminarily, we were up 9.76% with a value of \$3,250,861,041. We'll have a final figure in December when we get our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

I came across a list of the 1,000 largest public and private pension funds in the U.S. in 2023. We are listed as 570. The largest is the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Their fund had a value of \$507.9 Billion in 2023.

Bob Haukdal
F&P Trustee

HUMOR IN UNIFORM:

In the mid-nineties I was a Platoon Commander in the Tactical Section where we were frequently detailed to support the Inner Harbor Unit when large crowds were expected. Several NATO ships were making a visit to Baltimore and two of them were docked in the Inner Harbor. The platoon was working the evening shift (5 x 1) and we deployed to the Inner Harbor. There was a large number of people in the harbor area, but the crowd was as pleasant as the weather. As dusk came and went the number of people thinned out, but many remained to enjoy the evening. As I walked around the pavilions and the amphitheater, I checked on my officers and engaged with a lot of the people, many of whom were tourists who were very impressed by Baltimore's Inner Harbor. I made my way down the promenade and was going to visit the Police Kiosk; as I was walking along, I heard a voice beckon to me from behind saying, "Officer, can you help us out?" I turned around and saw a couple in their late twenties, smiling pleasantly at me, with the gentleman saying, "Can you settle a bet for us, we have dinner riding on your response." I looked at them both and said I would try. The man pointed up at the sky where a magnificent full moon was glowing with an orange tint; he asked, "Is that the sun or the moon?" I looked at my watch and it was 11:05 PM, then I looked at them both and asked, "Are you serious?" Both of them, continuing to smile broadly, nodded and said, "yes, we're serious." I then asked, which one of you guessed it was the sun? The man quickly replied, "I did, I did!" I mustered up my serious face and pronounced, "Well Copernicus, you better pony up a nice meal for this young lady, because that is the moon." Crestfallen, the man looked at me and said, "Are you sure?" I told him, it is past eleven at night, and if you recall when the sun goes down it gets dark, you are seeing a full moon in all its glory, and you lose. "Ma'am, enjoy your meal."

We had just locked up a group (4x6) females of gypsies for shoplifting from the Hecht company, and we were processing them at the NWD at the Dick area, when "someone" announced we need to search them, and one of the "ladies" became upset and proceeded to spray breast milk on about a half dozen full grown police. I saw one officer clear the Desk Sergeant's desk about 4-5 feet high and this gentleman was no lightweight. I never realized what a concealed weapon could do!!



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Third Board of Governors Position is Vacant at this time.

Empowering Sisterhood: How We Band Together for Support and Growth

By Lt. Kimberly Stratman (Ret.)

In the high-stakes world of emergency response, we, as female first responders, stand as testaments to courage and resilience. Our tendencies have often been labeled as “bitchy, controlling, angry, dramatic” and worse instead of the more accurate “strong, stubborn, flexible, confident.” We know better. Despite our critical roles in saving lives and maintaining safety, we often encounter unique challenges within our professions. Let’s explore the powerful impact we make by joining forces with other women to support each other and strengthen our presence in the field.

Breaking Barriers Together

I joined the Dallas Police Department in 1989. At that time, not everyone in the profession or the community was welcoming, which is putting it mildly. Being smaller in stature, I encountered a range of reactions. Some people were curious and supportive, while others were downright insulting. This treatment and my calm, professional reaction was practice for harsher statements that would occur over the years.

Traditionally, fields such as firefighting, law enforcement and emergency medical services have been male-dominated. As female first responders, we not only handle the physical and mental demands of our jobs but also navigate the complexities of a work environment where we are often in the minority. By forming supportive networks, we create safe spaces to share experiences, offer advice and provide mentorship. These connections are vital, helping each of us feel less isolated and more empowered in our roles.

Enhancing Skills and Confidence

Group trainings and workshops are a core part of how we support one another. We participate in specialized training sessions that cater specifically to our needs and challenges in the field. These gatherings are opportunities for skill enhancement, where we share strategies for handling physical demands and managing stress. The collaborative atmosphere fosters confidence, as we learn and grow together, strengthening our capabilities and readiness for the challenges of the job.

Have you considered attending or even creating a training event for other women? Range Days and promotional workshops are more common now than years past. What other topics or areas of interest could you or a group of your cohorts bring to other female first responders?

Advocacy and Visibility

Advocacy is another significant aspect of our women’s groups. We are uniquely positioned to understand the specific barriers women face in our careers. By uniting, we amplify our voices to advocate for necessary changes in our industries, such as improved protective gear tailored for women, equitable career advancement opportunities, and better support for work-life balance. These efforts not only improve conditions for current first responders but also pave the way for future generations of women entering these fields. Women of the Dallas Police Department came together, with the support of community members and even male coworkers, to establish Lactation Rooms at police substations. Previously, new mothers discontinued nursing prior to returning to work or did so in bathroom stalls. This is important for the health of our babies, but is also a retention tool to keep female officers on the job after the birth of their children.

Building a Supportive Community

The quote, “Together we are stronger, together we are unbroken, together we can do anything.” - of unknown origin, is clear in its meaning. Social support is crucial in managing the emotional and psychological toll of first response work. Networking events, regular meetings and online forums are some of the ways we stay connected. Beyond professional support, these groups often evolve into close-knit communities offering personal support, which can be particularly beneficial for those dealing with job-related trauma or needing advice on personal challenges.

While I enthusiastically encourage fellowship with women outside our profession, we can deeply benefit from connection with other first responders. There are times when we do not want to explain ourselves. We just want to feel, laugh, cry and complain with sisters who are doing the same.

A Call to Action

The movement of female first responders banding together is growing, but there is always more that can be

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done. For those of us in the field, joining an existing network or even starting a new group can be incredibly rewarding. For the wider community and policymakers, supporting these initiatives is crucial for building a more inclusive and supportive emergency response environment.

We are not just saving lives—we are pioneers in our fields, challenging norms and setting new standards. As we join with other women to support and uplift each other, we reinforce the foundation of an essential profession, ensuring it is stronger and more inclusive for everyone who follows.

Kimberly Stratman retired as a lieutenant from the Dallas Police Department after an exciting and fulfilling 30-year career. She and her law enforcement husband have two grown sons and two dogs that get lots of attention. Kimberly is the owner of To the Point Coach, a Certified Retirement Life Coach and Certified Life Coach service that focuses on first responders. Her goal is to ensure our law enforcement community thrives. She can be reached @ tothepointcoach.org

Surviving retirement

By Medina Baumgart, Psy.D., ABPP

Retirement involves much more than financial well-being and medical coverage. What about the stuff no one likes to talk about ... feelings?! After all, you are human. The reality is that retirement involves a degree of psychological and emotional adjustment. What happens when you sign your retirement paperwork and are no longer a peace officer? Not surprisingly, your signature doesn't mean that you are now well-adjusted to civilian life.

Retiring from a career in law enforcement poses unique challenges to your psychological, emotional and physical health compared to other professions. In addition to being part of the law enforcement family, police work involves significant lifestyle changes related to shift work, sleep deprivation, dietary changes, exposure to traumatic events and the biological ups and downs of adrenaline and cortisol produced throughout your career. Police work also impacts your relationships with family and friends. When you retire, your usual routine and lifestyle abruptly change. All of these changes will result in a period of adjustment that is *normal* and often *temporary*. The key is knowing what to expect and having the tools and resources needed to prepare for and adapt to these changes.

In a 2018 survey of sworn retirees at a large law enforcement agency, 40% indicated that they experienced unexpected issues adjusting to retired life. Of this group, half reported experiencing emotional and psychological reactions, including loss of identity and purpose, disbelief, anxiety, depression, boredom and difficulty relaxing. Regarding work-related critical incidents, one out of every four respondents indicated that traumatic stress reactions emerged after their retirement, and nearly one-third of all respondents indicated that they continued to experience critical incident stress reactions, not only before they retired, but also afterward. The most frequently endorsed stress reactions among this retiree group were intrusive memories, frequent recall of the incident, anxiety, panic, depression, anger and sleep difficulty. Despite the adjustment-related challenges experienced by this group of sworn retirees, the vast majority reported feeling satisfied with the quality of their retired life. This finding suggests that, although there may be a period of discomfort during the initial adjustment to retirement, most people will eventually settle into retired life.

So what are some things you can do to better prepare yourself for the emotional and psychological adjustment to retirement?

- Start engaging in outside law enforcement activities and hobbies. This might take some experimentation, but try to be open to different experiences and activities. It may help to think about things you used to do or things you have always wanted to try.

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- Start forming friendships with people who are outside of the law enforcement culture. Staying connected with others can help buffer against isolation, depression and stress. Although you may be tempted to surround yourself with people who understand law enforcement culture, this can limit your social resources after retirement and might lead to increased feelings of loss and isolation. Additionally, you could risk reinforcing cynical thinking and unhealthy behaviors after retirement that can impact your overall physical and psychological health.
 - Consider volunteering and/or finding a part-time job. This will keep your mind sharp, keep you active and can foster a sense of purpose helping others or giving you a structure/routine. If possible, take at least six months to allow your body and mind to adjust before starting post-retirement work.
 - Take inventory of how you view yourself. Explore the many parts of your personal identity: cop, friend, spouse, mentor, educator, son/daughter, parent, etc. Begin spending more time improving the parts of your identity outside of the job so that other aspects of your identity are well developed.
 - Do your homework. Take the time to do your own research to better understand the emotional and psychological adjustment to retirement. There are several online resources and books on this topic that you can find by doing an internet search. Talk with other retirees about their experiences adjusting to retirement.

Consider attending counseling to resolve any existing issues or concerns, and/or learn additional tools and skills to facilitate a healthy adjustment to retired life. Oftentimes, cops will begin reflecting on their careers as they near retirement — the good and the bad. This can evoke different emotions and thoughts about self, others and the world. Confidential counseling can help you process your career and identify any issues that need more specific attention, as

JUST FOR LAUGHS:

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed,

"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

FOOLS FIND OTHER FOOLS TO FOLLOW THEM.

Supporting Officers after the Badge: The Impact of Retirement on Law Enforcement Families

Families have a vital role in supporting officers throughout their career. This support role will look different as an officer transitions into retirement. As a family member, there are important things to consider throughout this new chapter.

Positive Changes and New Challenges: While this major life event may bring questions and changes, retirement provides an opportunity for reflection, new hobbies, and more quality time with family.

Acknowledge that retirement can mean a change in identity for the officer and even for yourself as a member of a law enforcement family.

Understand that officers who retire suddenly for reasons such as an injury may struggle more with the transition than those who had time to prepare for retirement throughout their career.

Demonstrate patience with officers as they settle into a new routine. Some habits developed throughout a career, such as unusual sleep routines, are not easily forgotten.

Help identify hobbies your officer enjoys or activities you can do together.

Encourage officers to reflect on the accomplishments of their public service career. Spouses, children, and members of an officer's support system may also reflect on their service and sacrifice as a law enforcement family.

Family Wellness and Resiliency: As a family member, you may observe changes in the behavior of your officer related to stress during a retirement transition. You may also experience your own emotional challenges related to the transition. Consider the following strategies to ensure the well-being of yourself, your officer, and other family members.

- ◆ Actively listen to your officer and understand they may not immediately share or discuss emotions related to retiring. Encourage them to share their concerns about the transitions and what they are looking forward to most in retirement when they are ready to talk. n Have strategies to support your well-being as the transition to retirement can be stressful for families. Set aside time for hobbies and physical exercise.
- ◆ -Ensure you know how to access professional support or services, such as counseling or therapy, if they are needed. n Identify opportunities to engage with other families of retired law enforcement personnel. Family Financial Wellness As an officer looks toward retirement, there are important financial and legal matters that family members should consider, ranging from insurance coverage to retirement funds.
- ◆ Discuss changes in health care and life insurance coverage that may happen as a result of retirement. Talk to your officer about your shared estate. Although it might be a difficult conversation, changes related to retirement should be reflected within your will and legal documents.
- ◆ Have a conversation about your plans for the next chapter of your lives. Consider questions such as: What type of lifestyle do you want? How much will it cost to maintain that lifestyle? Will retirement funds such as a pension, 457b or 401(k) support this?
- ◆ Discuss post-retirement employment plans. Will both of you continue to work? Does your officer plan to continue working? The end of a public service career marks a transition into a new chapter. While retirement may present challenges for officers and their family members, it also offers positive changes and new opportunities. For access to more family wellness resources, visit www.theiacp.org/OSW.

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Are you aware that when a member's spouse dies, the member is due a benefit from the BRPBA? Please let us know when your family has experienced such a loss.

Every little bit helps when paying for final expenses.

REMINDER: Don't forget the \$50.00 bounty to any member who signs up a new member.

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THE BRPBA: EXTRAORDINARY COMPASSION FROM TRULY EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

In October, 49 years ago, I sustained a line of duty injury which ended my police career, but it did not end my involvement with making sure people followed the letter of the law. If I could not be an officer any longer (a career I loved), I could at least continue to protect the people by becoming, as many of you know, a lawyer.

However, October 16, 2024, challenged me. On that date, forty-nine years after I got hurt, I stood before a hundred or so retired officers attending our monthly BRPBA General Meeting and told them that illness prevented me from continuing as First VP of the Association. I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (probably from exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam 1967-69). I now fall frequently and tire easily. I must use a walker to go anywhere, and I cannot drive because the MVA rescinded my license; a decision my neurologist agreed with. President Daryl Buhrman and I spoke and we jointly made the decision that it was in the best interest of my health and that of the BRPBA that I step down as 1st VP. I will, however, continue to serve the fine members of the BRPBA as a Board Member in the capacity of a Trustee.

I will also take an inactive status with the Maryland State Bar Association, which will prevent me from entering a case. Nevertheless, I have assured our President that I will remain available to our members to answer questions and to give advice. As I have said before, my Parkinson's disease is a mere impediment.

Not surprisingly, this illness has caused me to reminisce about my life. After I left the Army in 1968 as an MP Sergeant, I returned to Loyola College. This time, I actually studied and attended classes, but after a year, my fiancé and I decided to get married, so I joined the Baltimore PD and continued Loyola at night. I worked in the Northern District for three years. After those three years, I went to CID Property Crimes for a year as a detective. Toward the end of that year, I became a detective police agent because I had finally graduated from Loyola, with an academic medal.

Here is where my life plans changed. After Loyola, I attended graduate school at the University of Baltimore with every intention of obtaining a master's degree, which would advance my police career. Little more than halfway through, however, I jumped from a 2nd story window in pursuit of Wendell Beard, an escaping felon, and shattered my right ankle and crushed my left heel. I deluded myself into thinking I could return to full duty. In fact, during that time, I did the investigation of an individual who crashed a small plane into the upper deck of Memorial Stadium after a playoff game. Cliff Reinhardt got a huge laugh from Jim Oliver, then known as Stu, when he remarked that I had gotten the investigation because of my prior pilot experience in crash landings. The day I got hurt, Jim called my wife, then eight months pregnant, to tell her she should call if she needed anything.

I did manage to get my master's degree with a QPA of 4.0, and then started law school, intending to effectively continue my police career in a different context. It did not work out that way. For the first time, I found that I had more interests than merely criminal law. I finished second in my class and received the law faculty award (the school's highest award) at graduation. I also served as Chief Justice of the school Honor Court, and as Managing Editor of the Law Review. I took a position with O'Doherty, Gallagher and Nead, and became a partner five years later (not 7-10 as is normally the case). Frank Gallagher and I went off on our own and formed Gallagher and May and we eventually took on another partner, and several associates. Frank, who was also City Council President, eventually retired, and in 1991, I went out on my own. Since then, I have been tremendously fortunate. I joined the National Fourth Infantry Division Association and found I was home. I now serve as the Judge Advocate/Parliamentarian of the Association, which honored me with its Lingert Award, the association's highest award, some years ago.

That brings me to the present, sort of. I vividly recall my uncle and the finest man I ever knew, Sgt. John J. Dohony, one of the last of the old foot sergeants, telling me the badge is no good without a heart underneath. I have seen that play out over and over since I got Parkinson's. Although I can no longer drive, I get a ride to every meeting. Retired police look after their own. In my case, that entails coming into my house, making sure I get into and out of the vehicle, and taking care of me once we get to wherever we are going. In fact, they tell me that it would not be in my best interest to try to operate alone. For that, I remain extremely grateful... and proud. I am, with apologies to Lou Gehrig, the luckiest man in the world.

God Bless you All.

Mike May©
10/31/2024

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." — Oscar Wilde

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
As of 7/26/2024

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember, monthly meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather when:

- Baltimore County Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather; or,
- There is a snowfall after schools are dismissed and the Baltimore County snow emergency plan is placed in operation.

Distress Fund Chairman:

Daryl J. Buhrman
410-803-2293

Received from one of our widows and thought we'd share:

Dear Mr. Buhrman,

When "husband" died three years ago, you sent me a check for about \$1200.00. Fortunately, money has not been a problem for me YET. Therefore, I have enclosed a check for \$100.00 for someone in need. I will try to do this every year.

I feel blessed that you sent me the money. Also, I hope that this helps someone who is in need. It's not much, but it comes from the heart.

Sincerely,

We were touched by this widow's kindness and thankfulness. May we all continue to count our blessings and share those blessings with others.



DISTRESS FUND NEWS

The BRPBA 2024 raffle will be drawn on 12/18/2024 at our Holiday Party. Tickets will be sold up until the time of the drawing. The money collected from the purchase of tickets and donations is solely dedicated to our members and widows in need. Remember: The BRPBA staff does NOT get paid for their dedicated services.

The 2024 raffle has **35 chances to win**, and prizes are as follows:

4 \$50.00 winners	19 \$100.00 winners	4 \$200.00 winners,
3 \$300.00 winners	1 \$400.00 winner	4 \$500.00 winners.

Good luck and hope to see you at the Party.

Daryl Buhrman
Distress Fund Chairman

Donations made to the BRPBA Distress Fund in Loving Memory:

Barbara Mellott	In memory of Kenneth Mellott
Donna Chase	In memory of Donald Chase
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BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TAG PROGRAM

As of November 2024, we have 739 sets of professional looking tags in Maryland. Many members continue to display their pride of being a police officer, even in this current climate. Our tags are a one time fee of \$25.00 to the MVA and a small donation of \$20.00 to the Distress Fund.

Contact Daryl Buhrman at 410-803-2293 for more info.





Garcia Gilmore, (08/16/2024)
 L.C. Greenhill, III (9-11-2024)
 Eric Huber (08/21/2024) son of Neil Huber
 Donald Reid (09/20/2024)
 Active-duty Officer Steve Szymanowski,
 (08/25/2024)
 Detective Ivan R. White (10/11/2024)

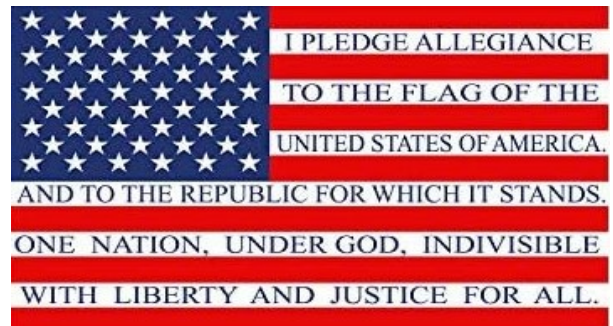


If I die or go somewhere far, I'll write
 your name on every star so people
 looking up can see just how much
 you meant to me.

BRPBA FINAL ROLL CALL

As of 11/24/2024

Dennis D. Bell (10/16/2024)
 James Hagan (06/28/2024)
 Thomas J. Joyce (08/16/2024)
 Joseph Kaczynski (11/11/2024)
 Benjamin Koszczepki (11/11/2024)
 Francis Lipa (08/23/2023)
 Mason Loudon (07/29/2023)
 James Madigan (11/17/2024)
 Ronald E. Roberts (09/04/2024)
 Wayne Thompson (05/31/2023)
 James Tillis, Sr. (10/16/2024)
 Clifton White (08/21/2024)
 Joseph Wolfe (09/02/2024)



“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the
 mark of weakness but of power. They speak more
 eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are messengers
 of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love.”

—Washington Irving

Nothing can ever take away a love the heart holds dear.



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