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Honoring A Hometown Hero: Lance Cpl Scott A. Lynch

By Toni Fullard

When a baby smiles we know it comes from someplace pure, someplace within our soul. A child's smile is the same, a simple gift that links the heart of one to that of another. It automatically makes us smile in return.

The radiant smile of Scott Lynch was like that, genuine, sincere, infectious and lasting. Anyone who knew Lance CPL Scott A. Lynch, 22 of Greenwood Lake, NY remembers his gift of touching every heart with his smile. From Greenwood Lake Little League, George F. Baker High School Drama Club, and Mentor Program, to the Greenwood Lake American Legion, the compassion and humor of Scott was shared with many.

The funeral mass for Lance CPL Scott A. Lynch, at Holy Rosary Church on Wed., Oct. 13 brought together a community, a Village, a Town, a County, and quite possibly, even a nation to honor an American hero.

The service was officiated by clergy from several local churches, including Pastor Christopher Yount, from Warwick United Methodist Church who married Scott and Tanya Lynch in May 2010. The church overflowed with family, friends, fellow servicemen, State, Town and Village officials, police, firefighters, motorcyclists and town officials who came to say not only goodbye, but thank you.

Citizens lined Windermere Avenue with hands over their hearts as the motorcade of two Greenwood Lake Police cars, the Last Chance Motorcycle Club, Patriot Motorcycle Club, and the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club, escorted the funeral cars. Following the family and friends to the cemetery was the Orange County Sheriff's Dept., the

I THANK GOD
THAT GREAT MEN
LIKE YOU LIVED.
WE ARE BETTER
PEOPLE HAVING
KNOWN YOU.
YOU OUR HERO
THANKYOU FOR
OUR FREEDOM

Photo by Anthony Sole

A lawn care trailer was painted black & gold and provided the opportunity for hand-written sentiments. This sentiment was sure to echo what was in the hearts of many as Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch was laid to rest back home, on American soil, in Warwick.



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Two fire truck cherry pickers displayed the American flag over Windermere Avenue as Greenwood Lake honored native son, Lance Corporal Scott A. Lynch, who was killed in Afghanistan on Oct. 6.

New York State Park Police, and the Town of Deer Park Chief and Lieutenant. After the funeral, everyone was invited to the Greenwood Lake American Legion Post for the repast.

Throughout New York State flags were flown at half-staff, as directed by Governor David Paterson, in honor of U.S. Marine Scott Lynch, killed on Oct. 6, in a combat operation in the Helmand province, Afghanistan.

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Fall Fun at Pine Island Pumpkin Festival



Photo provided by Eve McClanahan

Decked out in a Davy Crockett raccoon hat, this young man chose a green face for his pumpkin.

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County Voters to Use New Machines on Election Day

By Lisa Rice



Photo by Lisa Rice

Once ballots are completed, and concealed in a privacy folder, voters will feed them into an optical scanner unit to be cast. A digital readout will indicate whether or not the vote was successful, and, if necessary, how to correct any issues.

Well, it has taken eight years, and being sued by the federal government, but New York State has finally made the switch away from manually operated lever voting machines to new optical machines. The change comes following a 2002 Help America Vote program, and a 2006 lawsuit by

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