

Captain James David Tawwater
October 17, 1954 - June 6, 2008



He was the man with the easy smile who comfortably drew you into conversation even though you had never met him. The man who lit up a room when he entered and turned pretty much any social gathering into a free for all laugh-fest. He was the dominator when it came to playing the family game of Spoons. He was a golfer, a man who loved to travel. He was a Plano fire fighter. But, talk to him for just a few minutes and you'd soon find his greatest reward was simply being a husband, a father and a grandfather.

Captain David Tawwater, a thirty-year veteran of the Plano Fire Department died on Friday, June 6, 2008, after a long and very courageous battle with cancer. He always aspired to be a fire fighter, following in the footsteps of his uncle, Red Tawwater. He realized that dream on November 6, 1978 when he became a member of the Plano Fire Department, promoted through the ranks to the level of Captain on May 9, 2005. At the time of his passing, he was working on his 30th year of service and was assigned to Fire Station 6, B shift.

As an honor guard of police, fire fighters and fire engines awaited, it wasn't a funeral being held inside The Reformed Church in Plano, rather, it was a celebration of life. His memorial Web site was already filling up with tributes: *"It was a true pleasure knowing David and what a great example he set for all the men that had the privilege to work for him..."* *"I didn't work with David long, but enjoyed the little time I did have with him..."* *"I love the way he ended everything he ever said with a chuckle. That big grin that made you feel like giving him a hug..."*

Captain Tawwater is survived by his wife, Sherrie, daughter and son-in-law Mistie and Gary Brown, granddaughter, Ryleigh, his grandmother, father, brother and a multitude of extended family and friends. Honoring Captain Tawwater, In accordance with City policy, the City of Plano flag was lowered to half-mast at all municipal Facilities on Monday, from sunrise until 5pm.



I Fought a Good Fight, I Finished my Course, I Kept the Faith.