



OFFICER TIMOTHY Q. BRENTON

FEBRUARY 9, 1970 - OCTOBER 31, 2009

TIM'S LIFE

Timothy Quinn Brenton was born in Seattle on February 9, 1970. He spent his early childhood in Poulsbo and Woodinville, Washington. His mother remembers fondly Tim teaching himself to read at three years old from a subscription to National Geographic. He later lived in West Seattle, where he graduated from West Seattle High School in 1988. During his high school years Tim was the editor of the school paper and a member of the Seattle Police Explorers. After high school Tim enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in Wildflecken Germany and was a veteran of the first Gulf War. One of the highlights of his time in the military was being in Berlin the night the Berlin Wall came down.

After leaving the Army, Tim moved to Spokane where he attended Spokane Community College. While in Spokane, Tim met his future wife Lisa. After graduating Tim pursued his life long goal of a career in law enforcement. He began with the Hoquiam Police Department, then moved to the La Conner Police Department, where he served for three years. In 2000, Tim began his career with the Seattle Police Department, fulfilling his life-long dream following in his father's footsteps. Tim had a remarkable conviction for his job as a police officer and its invaluable purpose in society. Being a police officer was all he wanted, it was his calling, and he loved his job.

Tim and Lisa were married in December of 1997. Their daughter Kayleigh was born in 1998, then in 2001 they were blessed with the birth of their son, Quinn. He was so excited to have a family, taking his role as a father seriously.

Tim will be remembered for his quick wit and intelligence. He loved reading, and was a history buff. Whenever he had the chance, he enjoyed the outdoors. Camping, hiking, hunting and fishing were some of his favorite activities.



*"Dedicated Father,
Husband, Son, Brother,
Friend, Officer and Teacher"*

**KEY ARENA,
SEATTLE CENTER
NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

“UNTIL THAT DAY THEN.”

“TILL THAT DAY.” - from “*The Way of the Gun.*”

“THE FINAL INSPECTION”

The policeman stood and faced his God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, policeman.
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My church have you been true?”

The policeman squared his shoulders
and said, “No, Lord, I guess I ain’t,
Because those of us who carry badges
can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was rough,
and sometimes I’ve been violent,
Because the streets are awfully tough.

But I never took a penny,
That wasn’t mine to keep....
Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I’ve wept unmanly tears.

I know I don’t deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fear.

If you’ve a place for me here,
Lord, It needn’t be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don’t...I’ll understand.

There was silence all around the throne
Where the saints had often trod.
As the policeman waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

“Step forward now, policeman,
You’ve borne your burdens well.
Come walk a beat on Heaven’s streets,
You’ve done your time in hell.”

PALLBEARERS

MATTHEW BRENTON, BROTHER

ELIZABETH BRENTON PORTER, SISTER

DEREK PORTER, SEATTLE FIRE BROTHER IN LAW

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER GENE SCHUBECK

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER EVAN EHRLING

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER PABLO LEE

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICER RAFAEL MARTINEZ

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

WELCOME - *Deputy Chief Clark Kimerer*

POSTING OF COLORS - *Regional Honor Guard*

U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM - *Seattle Police Women’s Trio*

CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM - *Seattle Police Women’s Trio*

INVOCATION - *Chaplain John Oas*

Interim Chief of Police John Diaz

Mayor Greg Nickels

Governor Christine Gregoire

*Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy
R. Gil Kerlikowske*

I WILL REMEMBER YOU - *Seattle Police Women’s Trio*

Officer Evan Ehring

Officer Eugene Schubeck

Jennifer Crigger, Sister-in-Law

VIDEO PRESENTATION

AMAZING GRACE - *Seattle Police Women’s Trio*

BENEDICTION - *Chaplain John Oas*

RETIRING OF COLORS AND RECESSIONAL