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Quote for Month: To all Retired and Present Members of the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department we wish you a most Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

LAST ALARM:



In Memory Of

Robert Joseph Lewis

January 30, 1936 ~ September 24, 2019

Retired Captain Robert Joseph Lewis passed away September 24, 2019. Officiating the Funeral Service was Retired Dr. Pop Williams. Capt. Lewis's Service was held at Arlington Park Funeral home and interment was in the Arlington Park Cemetery.



Previous Picture Left: Dr Pop shaking hands with Chief Roger Lewis and Wife.

Previous Picture Right: Retired Captain Alan Lewis and Wife.



Picture to Left: Retired Captain Robert Lewis's Wife & Widow being escorted to the burial site.
Picture to Right: The Procession on foot with the Captain's Helmets on display. Following closely behind is Local 122 Engine with the casket on top.

International Association of Fire Fighter Local 122 – “Fun Day”. It was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Union Office and Old Fire Station # 8.



Left Upper: JRFA 1st Vice President Rockin Ron Learn as the One-Man Band and “MC” for the Family Fun Day. Right Upper: Union President Randy Wyse with his New pet speaking with Retired Lt. Butch McGlocklin. Lower Left: Interim Director/Fire Chief K. Powers, and a host of City Council Members including Councilman Randy White, and President Randy Wyse.



Retired Lt. Jim White and President (Retired Captain) John Wood of JRFA designed this “fishing tournament” sign in Retired Bobby DeWitt and his son “Marty” (deceased) who founded the “Liars Tent” concept of food and drink provided daily at lunch during the Fishing Tournament. The small names displayed attached to the bottom of the sign are : Top Left: Marty; Below is Irvin; Top Right: Bruce and Underneath is Britt. These individuals were the best friends of Bobby and his son, who during many tournaments helped out. Retired Captain Paul Lutzen is now deemed the “Grill Master” and continues the tradition. Standing behind Bobby is his daughter Patty.

2019 Annual Retired FF’s Luncheon. Right top: Rockin Ron introducing Local 122 President Randy Wyse, who yearly provides funds, Food, and Union Hall for the event. Middle Left: President John Wood presenting Chief Keith Powers and his staff with a substantial check to reward them and their wives for all the time and effort in the search for the two missing fire fighters. Middle right: President John Wood presenting Captain Mike George a plaque for his dedication and service to the first Honor Guard. Bottom Left: President John Wood presenting Retired Captain Herb Ramsdell with the Presidential Reward in overseeing Funeral Services for Retired Members. Bottom right: Union Cook Crew for 2019 Retired FF’s Annual Luncheon. Great Job!

