



## John Eric Lagesten

November 17, 1960 - July 19, 2010

passed away peacefully July 19th 2010 after a lengthy battle with cancer after his recent move from North Carolina back to North Tonawanda. He is survived by his beloved wife Vicki (nee Mayes), daughters Angel Mayes of North Carolina and Samantha Wade (Donald) (nee Spitzer) of Mississippi and sons Christopher (Margie) Lagesten, Michael (Dawn) Lagesten, Sean Lagesten, and two beautiful granddaughters Ava and Brooklyn Erica, He is also survived by loving mother Ethel Lagesten and sister Carin Lagesten, loving father Hans (Roz), brother Stephan (Taleen) and sister Rebecca Lagesten, all of Canada.

Eric was a volunteer firefighter with Sweeney Hose Company #7 for 15 years, along side his best friend Rich Reeves. Eric was also a member of the PBA and in the last 9 years served his community in North Carolina as an EMT and police officer for the Port Authority of Wilmington.

Friends may call WEDNESDAY from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the WATTENGEL Funeral Home 307 Oliver Street North Tonawanda where Funeral Services will be held THURSDAY at 10:30 AM. The Rev. Dr. Greg Crispell will officiate.

Sweeney Hose Fire Company will hold services in the Funeral Home  
Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Interment will be in Acacia Park Cemetery

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cross Out Cancer at <http://crossoutcancer.chipin.com/cross-out-cancer>.

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# Tribute Wall



“ I only knew Eric for a short time, but he certainly was a model Sweeny Hose member. God Bless you Eric and and your family.

August 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Eric's family..  
Eric was a great friend. Knowing each other through the Port, and Fire Dept., we became very good friends.  
I will keep your family in my prayers. He will be missed greatly.

July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Lagesten Family - The Campen Family would like to give you and your family the deepest sympathy during this time of need. Eric was a great family man and public servant that represented himself as a true professional law enforcement officer for the North Carolina State Ports Authority Police Department. It was a pleasure working with Eric during my tenure as Chief of Police for the NC State Ports Authority. It was rewarding watching him advance from security to police officer during that time. I know that you are proud of him as we were for his accomplishments. Eric will be missed greatly. May God Bless and comfort you and your family. We wish you the best in the coming days.  
Doug Campen - Retired Chief of Police, NC State Ports Authority

July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of John Eric Lagesten c/o Wattengel Funeral Home funeral home.

July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lagesten Family*

*I would like to give you my deepest sympathy during this time. Although I have not had the opportunity to work with Eric much, he was truly a valued member of the North Carolina State Ports Authority Police and Security Department and he will be greatly missed. I pray that God will comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *The NC State Ports Authority is deeply saddened by the passing of Eric. Your entire family are in our thoughts & prayers. Eric was a true law enforcement professional & he positively touched many lives at the Ports. His story telling, humor and drive for continuous learning and growth are what I remember most and will miss!*

*God Bless you all,*

*Richard B. Koch  
Vice President  
NC State Ports Authority*

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of John Eric Lagesten.*

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Lagesten, I am the Director of Safety and Security at the NC State Ports Authority. Eric’s fellow officers had been following his progress against the cancer through phone conversations and his blog. We were all shocked at his rather sudden decline. We share a small portion of your sense of loss and are so very sorry. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts now and in the days to come. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything we can do. With sincere condolences, Bill Bennett

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Lagesten, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I work in law enforcement in Morganton, NC and feel we are all connected in this line of work. I lost my husband to cancer August 17, 2009 and it helps to know he is not suffering anymore. I will keep you and the family in my thoughts and prayers.  
In God's Love, Vickie Farish

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I pray for God's blessings of peace and comfort upon all whose lives are now forever different.

David Donaldson  
Chief of Police  
University of North Carolina Wilmington

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My most heart-felt sympathies to your family during this time and in the coming days. May God grant you all peace and joy in your memories.*

*Jenny Little  
NC Dept of Justice*

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