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SAD SEND-OFFS FOR LIFESAVERS

Thousands pay tribute to cops & firefighters

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Fourteen white doves rose into a cloudy sky yesterday in tribute to Emergency Service Unit Officer Santos Valentin, one of 14 officers from the elite NYPD unit lost saving others at the World Trade Center.

Some 6,000 white-gloved police officers — who lined up as much as eight deep across a wet street from St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Brentwood, L.I. — gathered to recall the 40-year-old's courage in the moments before the collapse.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that he rushed to the World Trade Center with one thing in mind — to save lives," said Valentin's sister, Denise Santos, an NYPD sergeant.

First Deputy Commissioner Joseph Dunne said Santos, a 17-year veteran, was a hero years before he disappeared into the and rubble.

"Great occasions don't make heroes or cowards. They simply reveal themselves to the eyes of men," he said.

Meanwhile, some 5,000 police officers and firefighters — including Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik — packed St. Lawrence's Church in Sayville, L.I., for an emotional service honoring 30-year-old Police Officer Glenn Pettit, a four-year NYPD veteran who also served as a volunteer firefighter in West Sayville.

"It was a well-deserved send-off for a great cop and for an even greater person," said Patrolmen's Benevolent Association board member Walter Liddy.

At the same time, the city's Bravest memorialized 21 of their own, including Faustino Apostol Jr. of Battalion 2, a 27-year veteran of the department, who was remembered at Holy Child Roman Catholic Church on Staten Island as a loving family man who risked his life.

His son, Christopher Apostol, said he wasn't surprised his dad risked his life ushering people out of the burning towers.

"My father loved being a fireman. I just knew my dad was there when the buildings collapsed," he said.

"He always lived every day like it would be his last, and he died saving people on that day."

Also on Staten Island, hundreds of family members and



A MOTHER'S ANGUISH: Gloria Valentin, mother of Santos Valentin, holds the flag from the police officer's funeral as her daughter, NYPD Sgt. Denise Valentin, comforts her. N.Y. Post: Jim Alcorn

Tragic list of honored dead grows again

These names were added yesterday to the medical examiner's list of confirmed trade-center dead:

Debbie Attias-Bellows, 30; John M. Grazioso, 31; Lisa King-Johnson, 34; Edmund McNally, 40; Craig Montano, 39; Jon A. Perconti, 32; Mathew Blake Wallens, 31.

Friends crammed into St. Charles Church to remember 27-year-old John Tierney of Ladder 9, a firefighter who impressed colleagues with his good nature.

Hundreds — including Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen and firefighters from as far as New Hampshire and Florida — attended back-to-back memorial services at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hempstead, L.I., for John

Fanning, battalion chief in charge of Hazmat Operations, and Robert Linnane of Ladder 20.

Fanning, 54, who traveled to Oklahoma City to survey the damage following the 1995 bombing, was remembered as one of the department's best.

The second service, immediately following Fanning's memorial, was to honor Linnane, a firefighter who exemplified the "spirit" of the department.



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Today's funerals

Today's services for fallen trade-center heroes:
FDNY Firefighter Michael Cawley, Ladder 136. At 1:30 p.m., Church of Mary's Nativity, 46-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, Queens.

FDNY Firefighter Jonathan Hohmann, Hazmat Co. 1. At 4 p.m., Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 4550 Amboy Road, Eltingville, S.I.

FDNY Lt. Philip Pettit, Battalion 7. At 2 p.m., St. Margaret Mary Roman Catholic Church, 560 Lincoln Ave., Grant City, S.I.

PA Police Officer Gregg Froehner. At 3 p.m., St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, Main Street, Chester, N.J.

In Memoriam



Maurice Barry
Port Authority
Police Officer

Names of survivors
were not released.

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