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18 laid to rest around area

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Port Authority Police Officer Paul Jurgens had more than a job — he had "a calling."

That's the message PA Chaplain Jim Divine delivered to hundreds of mourners at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown, L.I., who turned out to honor the hero cop.

"When Sept. 11th called out, he said, 'Here I am.' He was responding to the call again," Divine said.

Jurgens' wife, Maria, said her husband had told her to "be strong" if anything ever happened to him.

"And I'm doing my best to be strong," she said yesterday.

Jurgens' brother-in-law, Tony Liotta, said Jurgens loved pulling practical jokes. He recalled that one day after having dinner together, he nodded off and woke up to find the words "Paul Jurgens is my hero" written on his arm. "Now I realize how true that is," he said.

Jurgens was one of 18 heroic World Trade Center cops, firefighters and paramedics who were remembered yesterday in services.

Firefighter Thomas Foley made People magazine's list of most-eligible bachelors before he died — but his brother Danny remembered him as the family rock during a memorial service at St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet attended by almost 2,000.

Foley inspired Danny to join the FDNY, and when Danny graduated from the Fire Academy, he remembered Tom telling him he'd "never been prouder" in his life.

In Bayside, Queens, hundreds of mourners, including Mayor Giuliani and mayoral candidate Fernando Ferrer, packed into Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Church to say farewell to FDNY paramedic Ricardo Quinn.

His cousin, Christopher Quinn, said the jovial giant always brought people together, and said the support around the country shows he's doing the same thing even in death.

"His death isn't senseless," he said.

An overflow crowd also gathered at St. Josaphat Church in Bayside to say goodbye to firefighter William Krukowski.

"I will miss him terribly, and, Will, you'll always be in my heart and in my mind," said his father, also named William. "I love you."

Bagpipes wailed as more than 500 people filed into Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Stony Point, Rockland County, to pay tribute to firefighter Thomas Schoales of Engine Co. 4.

In Sloatsburg, more than 300 crammed into St. Joan of Arc Church as dozens of others lined up outside to listen through open windows to the memorial Mass for Denis Germain.

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