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BOUND BY BLOOD & DUTY

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Thousands of New York's Finest and Bravest merged into a sea of blue outside a Long Island church yesterday to pay tribute to Police Officer Thomas Langone and firefighter Peter Langone, hero brothers who perished at the World Trade Center.

"Whenever disaster struck, the Langone family came to the rescue," Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik told mourners at the memorial service at St. Aidan's Church in Williston Park.

The brothers' mother, Sheila, and grieving relatives of Thomas, 39, of Emergency Service Unit Truck 10 in Queens, and Peter, 41, of Engine Co. 252 in Brooklyn, made their way into the church to the sound of bagpipes.



HERO BROTHERS: Firefighter Peter Langone (left) and his brother, Thomas, a police officer, were both killed in the trade center attacks.

Police Officer Steven Stefanakos, who worked on ESU Truck 10 with Thomas — nicknamed "Capt. Adrenaline" — spoke of his fallen colleague's bravery and dedication.

"Forget about Indiana Jones. We had Tommy Langone. He was ready for any job any time, no matter how big or how small," Stefanakos said.

Through tears, Stefanakos recalled the last time he saw the 17-year veteran. He was entering the Twin Towers. Tommy told him, "Be safe, bro, I'll see you in a little while."

A firefighter for 14½ years, Peter Langone gave his job his all and still managed to make time to do landscaping work on the side.

"Terri, you can be sure heaven's landscape is beautiful today," Capt. Ed Metcalf told Langone's widow, Terri.

Brian Langone, 10, walked out with his father Thomas' police hat while Peter's daughter, Nikki, 9, carried her father's fire helmet.

At another memorial service earlier in the day, firefighters from as far away as Vancouver and Dallas lined up outside St. Patrick's Cathedral to pay their respects to hero firefighter and ex-Marine Christian Regenhard.

Regenhard, 28, known as "Braveheart" at the Ladder Co. 131 firehouse in Red Hook, Brooklyn, had been only seven months on the job.

Mayor Giuliani lauded Regenhard as a "true American patriot."

Al Regenhard eulogized his only son with a poem he wrote, "My Son the Firefighter," and told the mourners, "You are the best as my son was the best."

Firefighter Andrew Serra, who worked with Regenhard at Ladder Co. 131, said that the rookie firefighter is not only a hero because of his actions on Sept. 11, but also "for the way he touched every soul he came in contact with."

A memorial service also was held at the Church of Saint Anthony in Nanuet for FDNY Battalion Chief Joseph Marchbanks Jr., of Battalion 12.

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