

Slain officer remembered on Nat'l Police Day

National Police Officer Memorial Day was observed by some 40 southwest Wisconsin officers at a memorial program Tuesday afternoon, May 15, honoring Deputy Thomas Reuter of Livingston.

The Grant County Sheriff's Department held a memorial program and reception in honor of Reuter, who was fatally shot March 18, 1990, while on duty. The program was attended by his widow, Diane, and his parents, LaVerne and Frances Reuter of Platteville.

Lloyd Runde, chief deputy, and Sheriff Herb Hottenstein presented a 30-minute program for those attending. Officers from 10 law enforcement agencies were on hand to receive plaques of appreciation for professional assistance on the night of March 18. The plaques were presented by Floyd Von Haden, Boscobel, chairman of the county board's Law Enforcement Committee.

Accepting plaques for their

departments were Jerry Staskal, Boscobel; Sheriff William Fillbach, Crawford County; Jerry Dempsey, Fennimore; Tom DeVoss, Iowa County; Al Ferenz, Muscoda; Gary Knickerbocker, Prairie du Chien; Scott Pedley, Lafayette County; Fred Schramm, Richland County; Sgt. Alan Campbell, Wisconsin State Patrol; James Enfelt, Platteville, and Jeff Rewey, dispatcher.

Representatives from Cuba City and Lancaster were not able to be presented.

Runde and Hottenstein presented a Medal of Honor, a framed certificate and a flag to Diane Reuter in memory of her husband. The Medal of Honor is posthumously issued by the American Police Hall of Fame. Reuter's name will be placed in the Hall of Fame Memorial in Florida and on a monument in Washington, D.C.

The department also presented framed photographs of Reuter to his widow and his parents.



Dedication of Reuter Memorial

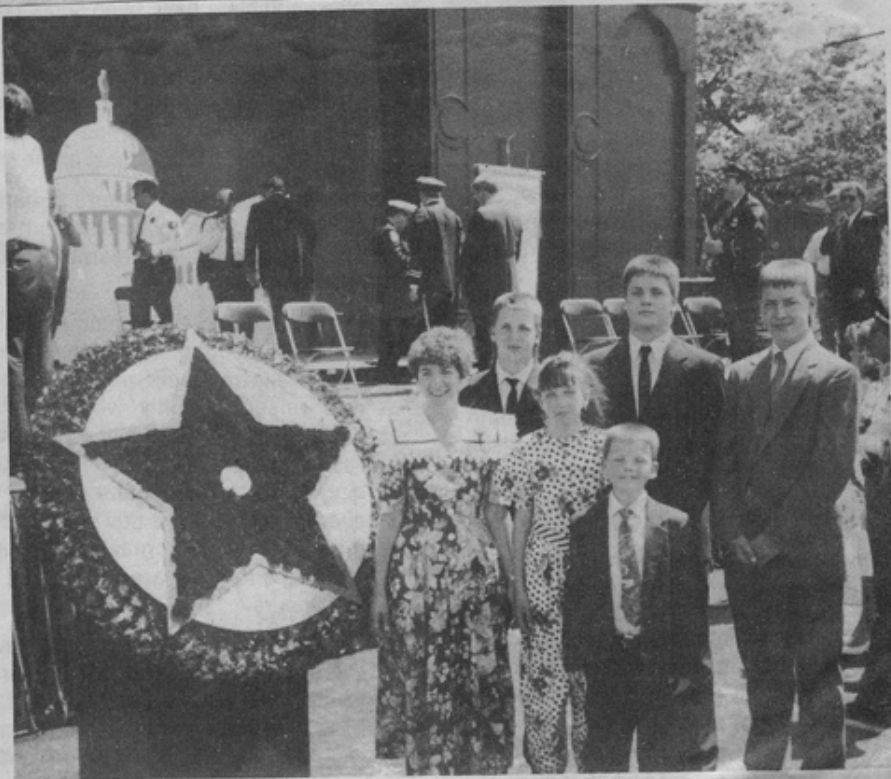
Grant County Sheriff Herbert Hottenstein and Diane Reuter of Livingston are shown at the monument dedicated Saturday in memory of Diane's husband, Thomas L. Reuter, who was killed in the line of duty March 18, 1990. A tribute to the deceased officer was given by a close friend in the department, Sgt. Robert Bloyer of Boscobel. Sheriff Hottenstein and Chief Deputy Lloyd Runde were among others who addressed spectators gathered on the lawn in front of the county jail for the ceremony. "It is our hope," said Runde, "that no more names ever have to be added to this monument." Bloyer spoke of the hazardous duties officers must often carry out in their protection of the public.

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Reuter remembered—Diane Reuter receives plaques Thursday afternoon from area sheriff and police departments in memory of her husband, Grant County Deputy Tom Reuter, who was shot and killed in the line of duty March 19. Larry Mueller, Chief Deputy of Iowa County Sheriff's Department, (left) hands Reuter a

plaque while Grant County Sheriff Herb Hottenstein and Iowa County Sheriff Nicholas Basting look on. Steve Allendorf, Jo Davies County Sheriff, and Rick Hanten, investigator for the Dubuque Police Department, also presented Reuter with plaques.



DIANE REUTER and children at the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day service in Washington, D.C. The star was made up of carnations and Diane added hers to those of other spouses whose husbands, like Tom Reuter, were killed in the line of duty. From left: Diane; son Doug, daughter Sherry and sons Andy (in front), Dan and Tim.

Family of slain county officer at Memorial service in Washington

The family of Thomas Reuter, a Grant County sheriff's officer killed in the line of duty, participated in National Peace Officers' Memorial Day ceremonies held Wednesday, May 15, in Washington, D.C.

Diane Reuter, the slain officer's widow, and their children, Dan, Doug, Tim, Sherry and Andy, were escorted to the nation's capital by officers Robert Bloyer and Becky Kartman of the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

The group left Saturday morning, May 11, by plane for Washington. On Sunday night they attended a candlelight vigil service near the site of the Law Enforcement Memorial now under construction. On Monday and Tuesday they attended seminars on grief, loss and related traumas, prior to the service at the monument next day.

Each spouse of a deceased law officer was given a red carnation. When Diane Reuter's name was called, she came forward and placed her flower on a special wreath along with the others. She and her children were



ESCORTS for the Reuter family on their Washington trip were Deputy Rebecca Kartman of Lancaster and Sgt. Robert Bloyer of Boscobel.

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The roll call of deceased officers in 1990 included the names of law enforcement personnel from 36 states and Puerto Rico. There were three from Wisconsin, Andrew Krakow, a conservation warden, and Michael Tourmo, a Milwaukee policeman, in addition to Reuter. The state of Texas had the greatest number, 18, followed by Florida with 12. Nine federal officers were among the deceased from the states, counties and cities. Some of the slain officers were women.

Children of officer's families who attended the ceremonies were able to make supervised visits to the Smithsonian and other Capitol sites.

The National Police Monument in Washington is to be dedicated October 15. A monument for law enforcement officers in Grant County is also being established and will be dedicated in a ceremony Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.

WHEN DUTY CALLS

Tom had an assignment a job

To do,

That's the reason he was called,

Beyond the blue.

Tom's gone on ahead to Patrol,

The way

A route we all must take,

Someday

I know it's hard to understand

Why the Angels took Tom by the

Hand,

But deep inside we know the

Rest,

For the Good Lord only calls

The best

*IN HONOR OF DEPUTY TOM REUTER
A FRIEND AND FELLOW OFFICER.*

Dedication of Memorial For

Thomas L. Reuter

Grant County
Deputy Sheriff
killed in the line of duty
March 18, 1990

*Dedication to be held on November 9, 1991
at 11:00 a.m., City Park, Platteville, Wisconsin*

*(In event of inclement weather, Dedication will be
held in City Auditorium)*

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Thomas L. Reuter
April 17, 1951-March 18, 1990

Deputy Sheriff Thomas L. Reuter commenced his employment with the Grant County Sheriff Department as a part-time officer in August, 1982. He served as a full time Deputy Sheriff from June, 1985 until his death on March 18, 1990.
The following quotes have been provided by Tom Reuter's fellow officers in the Grant County Sheriff's Department:

To know Tom was to like Tom.

Tom loved life, family, and nature, and he was widely respected by all who knew him.

Tom was a model husband, father, and Law Enforcement Officer.

Tom was a model Law Enforcement Officer and respected by his peers.

Deputy Reuter's goal in life was to provide protection and service to the citizens; however, he became the victim of his goals.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee created by the Platteville Common Council for the construction of a Memorial For Thomas L. Reuter.

Co-Chairpersons: Merlin Mellor and Byrne R. Ulsvick

Treasurer: Jack Tiedemann

Richard Brockman

James Enfelt

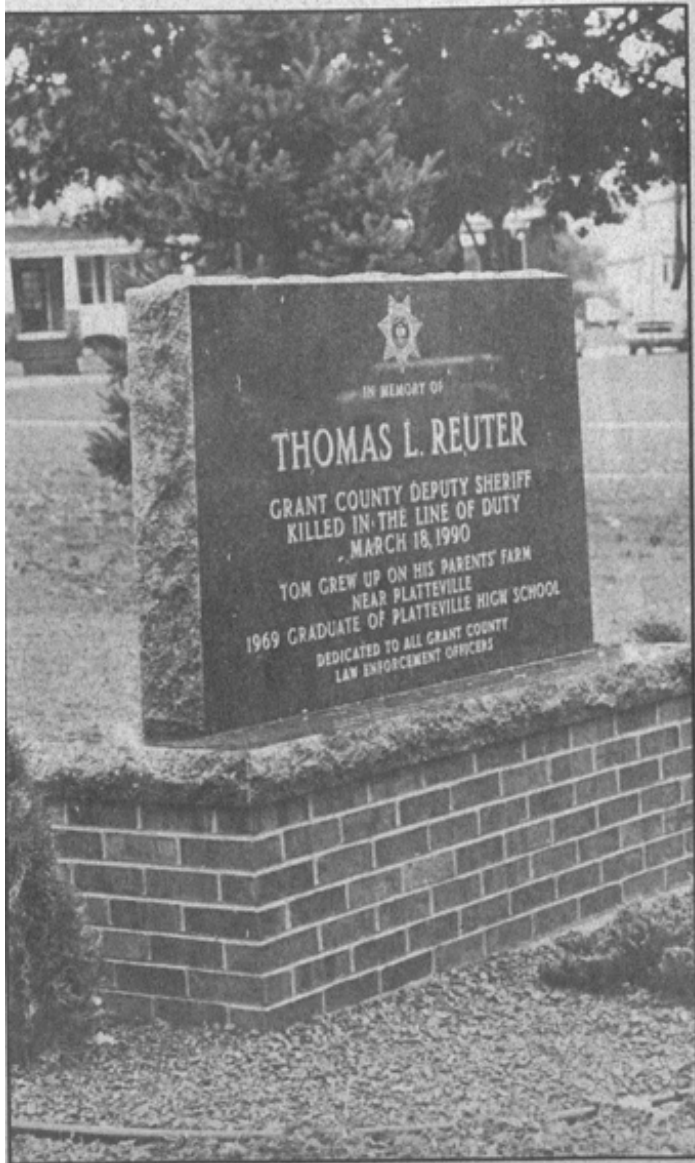
Arletta Giese

Corwin Helmer

Donald Reznick

David Waffle

Bud Wall



**DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL FOR
THOMAS L. REUTER,
GRANT COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WAS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON MARCH 18, 1990**

Presiding:

James Enfelt-Chief of Platteville Police Department

Posting of the Colors:

American Legion of Platteville, Post #42

Invocation:

Father Steve Zwettler - Pastor, St. Augustine Catholic Center, Platteville

Introduction of Reuter Family:

Mrs. Diane Reuter, Livingston (wife of Thomas Reuter)
 Children - Daniel, Douglas, Timothy, Sherry, and Andrew
 Mrs. Rosena Allen, Montfort (mother of Mrs. Thomas Reuter)
 Mrs. Kay Maisa, Port St. Lucie, Florida (Kay is a sister of Thomas Reuter)
 Children - Erin, John, and Adam
 Frances and Laverne Reuter - Platteville (mother and father of Thomas Reuter)
 Shirley and Tom Larsen, West Bend (Shirley is a sister of Thomas Reuter)
 Children - Christopher, Curtis, and Mark Mayo
 Kathy and Bill Ingersoll, Platteville (Bill is a brother-in-law of Thomas Reuter) Children - Ryan, Aaron, and Wesley

Introduction of Speakers:

Herb Hottenstein - Sheriff of Grant County
 Jack Johnson - Deputy Sheriff of Grant County
 Brett Hubbard - Trooper, Wisconsin State Patrol
 James Zimmer - Sergeant, Platteville Police Department, and President of the Platteville Professional Police Association
 John Stricker, Middleton - 1969 Graduation Class of Platteville High School
 Pat Flourde - President of the Platteville Common Council

Benediction:

Pastor Harold Zimmick - Livingston United Methodist Church

Taps:

William Dennis-Emeritus Head of Department of Music, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Retiring Of the Colors:

American Legion of Platteville, Post #42

When a man takes the oath of a police officer he automatically joins the most exclusive fraternity in existence. By that one action he agrees to spend a considerable part of his life dealing with all kinds of humanity. He accepts long hours, modest pay, danger, and automatic criticism from those he serves. He can look forward to long nights of boredom, days where there is no time to rest, mornings when he is too tired to care, and evenings when everything seems to happen all at once. He can expect a family life filled with odd schedules and special duties which don't make sense to his neighbors and sometimes even less to his wife. He will be beloved of some, hated by others, and tolerated by most. He trades his anonymity for a uniform in which he cannot hide. He gives up some of his freedom yet he gains another kind which no other profession could give him.

He substitutes his personal and private feelings for the common good. He sublimates selfish desires that the peace may be kept, that life and property may be protected, that laws and ordinances may be enforced, that criminals may be detected and apprehended, that crime may be prevented, and that those in need of assistance may be comforted. He also realizes that when he leaves his home to begin his tour of duty, he may never return again.

All this he gives up and all this he accepts and all this he does in exchange for a reserved seat at ringside for the greatest show on earth.

Tom Reuter sacrificed all of these things for a profession that he loved. He proudly served the people of Grant County. He also gave the ultimate sacrifice to the people of Grant County, his life.

As Law Enforcement Officers, we hear few "Thank You's" from the people that we serve. Sometimes it feels as though nobody cares

what we do, what we sacrifice, what we go through. But by the construction of this monument dedicated to Tom Reuter and to all Grant County Law Enforcement Officers, it shows that the people of Grant County do care, that they do appreciate the sacrifices that we *make*. The monument is a special and much appreciated way of saying "Thank You". Tom Reuter would be very proud of this monument, as are we, the Law Enforcement Officers that serve the people of Grant County.

Thank You!

BALLAD OF A GRANT COUNTY DEPUTY

IT WAS A COLD DARK NIGHT
NEAR A LITTLE COUNTRY TOWN
NOTHING STIRRED THE QUIET, FOR MILES AND MILES AROUND
ONLY TWO WERE OUT THAT NIGHT
BUT ONE THOUGHT HE WAS ALONE
A LOCAL COUNTY DEPUTY
WHO WAS JUST A MILE FROM HOME
THE MOON WAS DIM, THERE WERE NO STARS,
THE AIR WAS CRISP AND COLD.
AND THE DEPUTY, FROM THE COUNTY OF GRANT,
WAS OUT ON HIS PATROL.
HIS SHIFT WAS ALMOST OVER, HE WAS TIRED,
BUT DOING HIS BEST..HIS REPORT WOULD
READ HE'D FINISHED, WHILE GRANT COUNTY WAS AT REST.
NO ONE SAW IT HAPPEN-NO ONE HEARD THE SOUND.
BUT, WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER
THE COUNTY DEPUTY WENT DOWN!
WITH THE CRACK OF DAWN, THE QUESTIONS CAME,
AFTER THE HORRIBLE NEWS WAS SPREAD.
BUT THE QUESTIONS WENT UNANSWERED
TO WHY THE DEPUTY WAS DEAD.
THE YOUNG BOY THEY TOOK IN CUSTODY
WHEN THEY TRACKED HIM THROUGH THE SNOW,
WOULD, OR COULD NOT GIVE THE ANSWERS
AND NOW, ONLY GOD WILL KNOW!

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MEMORIAL
DEDICATION

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT MONUMENT
HONORING
THOMAS L. REUTER
ON THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1991.

CEREMONIES WILL COMMENCE AT
7:00 PM AT THE GRANT COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER,
1000 N. ADAMS STREET,
LANCASTER, WISCONSIN.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED FOLLOWING THE
CEREMONIES.



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Comrades honored

About 150 law enforcement officers from around the state gathered at the state Capitol on Wednesday to honor seven colleagues killed in the line of duty in 1990 and 1991. Since Wisconsin became a state, 150 officers have died on duty. The officers honored at the service were: Grant County Deputy Sheriff Thomas

Reuter, Department of Natural Resources conservation warden Andrew Krakow, Delafield Police Lt. John Barengo, Milwaukee police officer Richard Wagner, Milwaukee Police Sgt. Michael Tourmo, Fairchild Police Chief Patrick McCready, and Burnett County Deputy Sheriff Allen Albee.

