

IN MEMORY OF

“He was a cop until his last breath. Brooklyn’s favorite son,
a king in the County of Kings.”

—Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

“He was an outstanding detective and an exceptional human being.
His heart was as big as he was.”

—Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

DETECTIVE ROBERT L. PARKER



NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
67 DETECTIVE SQUAD
1960–2004



On September 10, 2004, Detective Robert L. Parker, along with his partner, Det. Patrick H. Rafferty, of the 67 Detective Squad, was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a career criminal on domestic violence charges. Although mortally wounded, Det. Parker was able to identify the gunman to a 911 operator. He also directed the dispatcher to a mug shot of the killer, located on the dashboard of their police vehicle. These actions greatly assisted in the capture of the killer less than two hours later.

Detective Parker, 43, was appointed to the Department on January 25, 1982, and began his career on patrol in Neighborhood Stabilization Unit 13 in the 81 Precinct. He also served in the Brooklyn North Task Force and the Narcotics Division. He was promoted to Detective in 1987, the same year he was assigned to the 67 Detective Squad, where he remained until the time of his death. He made over 500 arrests during his career, and was promoted to Detective Second Grade in 2000 and posthumously promoted to Detective First Grade.

Prior to fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a detective, Det. Parker attended John Jay College and wrestled in a semi-professional league under the name of Bootsie Parker. An avid fan of both Star Trek and James Bond, he also loved opera, Broadway shows, and karaoke. Detective Parker, who resided in Brooklyn, is survived by his former spouse Loretta Davis, daughter Haadiyah Davis, and first cousin Dorothy Thompson.

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“Everyday he put himself in harm’s way to protect us.
He was a true hero.”

—Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

“He was a fearless and relentless pursuer of dangerous felons.”

—Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

“My dad was always the bravest, most caring, kind and loving father anyone could have.
I felt safe and secure knowing my dad was there to protect us.”

—Detective Rafferty’s son, Kevin, 9

DETECTIVE PATRICK H. RAFFERTY



NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On September 10, 2004, Detective Patrick H. Rafferty, along with his partner, Det. Robert L. Parker, of the 67 Detective Squad, was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a career criminal on domestic violence charges. Although mortally wounded, Det. Rafferty managed to shoot and wound the gunman, which greatly assisted in his capture less than two hours later.

Detective Rafferty, 39, was appointed to the Department on July 5, 1989, and began his career on patrol in Midtown Precinct North. He also served in Midtown Precinct South, the 9 Precinct, the Street Crime Unit, and the PBQS Anti-Crime Unit. He was transferred to the 67 Detective Squad in 1999, the same year he was promoted to detective.

Prior to fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a police officer, Detective Rafferty, who was a consummate family man, attended the University of Central Florida and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Among his hobbies were cooking, dancing, and skiing. He also had a great love for the outdoors, was an avid hunter, and enjoyed family camping trips in the Adirondack Mountains.

Detective Rafferty, who made over 400 arrests during his career, was posthumously promoted to Detective First Grade. He resided in Suffolk County and is survived by his wife Eileen and their three children: Kara 12; Kevin 9; and Emma 4; his mother Joan and five siblings: Kevin, Brian, Dennis, Henry, and Colleen Albanese.