

Hero city cop dies of cancer

A beloved NYPD detective and Iraq War veteran died Tuesday at 38 following a months-long fight with liver cancer.

Sammy Lee, assigned to the Intelligence Bureau, was diagnosed in July last year, according to his friends.

One police source described Lee, a father of two with nearly a dozen commendations on his record, as "one of best guys in the world."

"Everyone liked him," the source said. "Never heard a negative comment about him. Just an all-around great guy."

Dozens of cops lined a Queens street overnight into Wednesday to honor the fallen officer as his body was wheeled out of an ambulance, a video obtained by The Post shows.

Lee joined the NYPD in 2009. He was served in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom, in which he worked near hazardous burn pits that union officials said caused his cancer.

In addition to the children, ages 1 and 2, he leaves behind a wife.

Detectives Endowment Association President Paul DiGiacomo said, "Sammy epitomized courage" and that he "is forever in our prayers."

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