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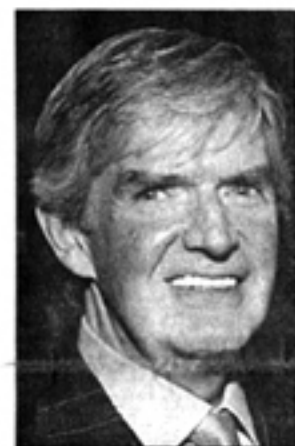
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IN MEMORIAM



A Tribute to Our Neighbors Who Lost Their Lives on September 11th



Jonathan "J.C." Connors
of Old Brookville



Joseph Anthony Kelly
of Oyster Bay



Brooke Alexandra Jackman
of Mill Neck



Bernard E. Patterson
of Upper Brookville



Maria Rose Abad
of Syosset



Jonathan Stephan Ryan
of Bayville

It's amazing how quickly time flies, but saddening that the events of the fateful morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001 are just as fresh in the minds of all those affected as if they happened yesterday. Although words are not sufficient to express the heartfelt sympathy felt by all Americans, sometimes words make things better. By sharing a story, an anecdote, or picture, which can in itself be worth a thousand words, the memory of those lost does not fade, but in fact, grows stronger. The fathers, mothers, daughters, sons and friends lost on that day are not gone because they are kept alive in the hearts and minds by all who loved them. Through relaying a story or joke about their loved one, their legacy only strengthens as more people understand what made them so special. In memoriam of those lost, the Guardian has decided to pay homage to our neighbors who perished in the World Trade Center attack. In the following alphabetical list, family and friends share some anecdotes as well as poems and thoughts about their loved ones, reinforcing that although they are gone, they will never be forgotten.

Maria Rose Abad
Described as a "hardworking executive, always with a smile," Maria Rose Abad, 49, of Syosset had started as an Administrative Assistant at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 23 years ago and had worked her way up to Senior Vice President as well as the highest ranking woman in the company. She was in her office on the 89th floor of Tower Two at the World Trade Center on the morning of September 11th.

Abad is survived by her husband of 26 years, Rudy. He said, "We had a Cinderella marriage. Everyone knew that we were the happiest couple you'd ever meet. We lived for each other." Rudy, 56, is retired and Maria had planned to retire at the end of 2001. They were looking forward to extensively traveling and "planned to go everywhere, Bali, Vienna, Rome, Switzerland and especially Hawaii" where they had vacationed for several years. However, now, Rudy "can't

think about what could have been, I can only look back to what was and try to get some happiness out of that, as painful as it is."

Jonathan "J.C." Connors
Jonathan "J.C." Connors, 55, of Old Brookville, was a self-made man who had never attended college but spent many years tending bar at Mugs on Second Avenue in Manhattan. On the urging of his friends, J.C. found a job on Wall Street because of his love of people and zest for life. He worked for various firms in New York City since the early 1970's, including Cantor Fitzgerald, where he had been working since 1988. As Senior Vice President in Equities, J.C. was "loved by everybody," according to his wife Susan. Whenever people asked him how he was doing, he'd always enthusiastically respond, "Tip-top!"

J.C.'s view of life was influenced by his 89 year-old mother who lives in Westford, Ireland. "He talked to his mother all the time," explained Susan. "She taught him to envelop life. She was a freethinker and he was one too."

Being a father to his two sons, Jonathan and James, was a priority with J.C. as his father had died when he was 12. James attends college in New Jersey and has made Dean's List while Jonathan was elected President of his fraternity at Kenyon College in Ohio. "They have channeled their grief into academics," said Susan. "What's happened for me is that I feel it a lot more now than I did when it first happened. Now that time has passed, I feel sad, I miss my partner. We had a great life."

Andrew K. Friedman
"Laid back, a big teddy bear and lighthearted" are the words friends and family use to describe Andrew K. Friedman, 44, of Woodbury. Andy was Vice President in charge of Equity Trading at Carr Futures. He had begun work on the 92nd floor offices in Tower One at the World Trade Center only a few weeks before September 11th. When he called his wife Lisa, he said, "We have plenty of air, we're going to be fine." Lisa describes that as "typical Andy, he never wanted

others to worry on his account."

A Valley Stream native, Andy was a favorite among his friends and was teased "as we only wished he had a mean streak," said David Goldman, Andy's roommate at George Washington University. Almost 2,000 people attended Andy's memorial service to mourn the man Goldman had dubbed "a big teddy bear."

Andy was his twin sons', Michael and Daniel, favorite coach. Andy and Lisa instilled values in their sons and in 2001 the boys pooled savings from their allowances and donated over \$100 to a charitable foundation headed by Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter. Although the Friedmans continued to have success with Andy as a successful Trader and Lisa as a Vice President at Fleet Bank, Andy remained down to earth, despite his posh surroundings. Longtime family friend Esther Tanenbaum remembers, "Once I made crème brûlée and he asked me 'Where's the Hostess cupcakes? Where's the soda?'"

The weekend after the attacks, Andy's golf foursome, explained Tanenbaum, convened as usual at Tam O'Shanter Club in Glen Head. They hung his bag of clubs on the back of a golf cart and played a round, swinging his clubs when it would have been his turn. "They said he had a great round," she stated.

Brooke Alexandra Jackman
"To know Brooke was to love her," recalls her parents Bob and Barbara Jackman of Mill Neck, describing their 23 year-old daughter, Brooke A. Jackman. Brooke was a 1996 Oyster Bay High School graduate and received her B.A. in History and a minor in Women's Studies from Columbia University in 2000. Her first job was in publishing, after which she decided to go to Wall Street where she worked as an Assistant Bond Trader at Cantor Fitzgerald. The night before the attacks, Brooke told her mother there was "more to life than making money" as she was applying to the University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare to receive her Master's degree in Social Work.

Described as "fiercely independent, determined and compassionate," Brooke had the ability to succeed in any endeavor no matter how difficult, but always remained modest and humble. A "child of Oyster Bay," Brooke always wanted to help people and her commitment began during high school and continued into college where she volunteered in a soup kitchen, a thrift shop to benefit cancer patients and as a teacher's aide in a school for disabled children. She was recognized for her consideration with an award from Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta when she graduated high school.

In order to keep Brooke's spirit alive, her family created the Brooke Jackman Literacy Program, a pilot program in New York City to address the education and emotional needs of homeless children. One important facet to this program is a school backpack, "The Brooke Pack." This backpack will not only provide a child with school supplies, including books and writing materials, but will also give children who live in shelters a possession of their own, as well as giving them hope and a sense of dignity.

To make a donation, write to: The Brooke Jackman Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 354, Mill Neck, NY 11765.

Joseph A. Kelly
Joseph A. Kelly, 40, of Oyster Bay, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald and was on the 105th floor of Tower One at the World Trade Center when the first plane hit.

Jim Kelly described his older brother as "extremely generous." Once Joe left a new car at his parents' house when he went to London for a few days and never came to pick it up. "The joke in the family was that you could never tell him something was nice because he would leave it there with you," Jim added.

A "competitive guy, who took even family volleyball games as an Olympic event," Joe was a successful businessman, but "he had no love of money. He gave it away, but he loved to win." Despite his frequent

promotions and financial success, Joe was looking for a job closer to home, even if it meant less money. His family wished to have the following printed in his memory:

In loving memory of Joseph A. Kelly
November 28, 1960
- September 11, 2001.

A proud family man who is deeply missed by his wife Susan and their children, Christopher, Thomas,

Caroline, Catherine and Timothy. Tragically gone, but lives forever in our hearts.

Edward Joseph Lehman

Hearing of her husband Edward's generosity brings some comfort to Joanne Lehman of Glen Cove. Edward J. Lehman, 41, worked for Aon Corp. and was on the 92nd floor in a meeting when the first plane hit Tower One at the World Trade Center. According to accounts relayed by his co-workers, Edward made his way to the 78th floor where he met up with some of his colleagues. When he learned everyone was not accounted for, Edward went back to check and on his way down, the second plane struck.

Married for 17 years, not a day went by when Edward forgot to tell his wife he loved her. "I wish every wife in the country could have a husband like him," she said. Together, Edward and Joanne raised her daughter Barbara, "who he took as his own" and they also had a son, Kenny, who "is just like his father - kind, sweet and generous," said Joanne.

Almost a month to the minute of the attacks, Barbara gave birth to her daughter Giavanna, an event Edward "was so looking forward to," Joanne said. "My emotions are all over the boards," she continued, "my heart is broken, but on the other hand, this perfect child comes into the world. He would have adored her."

Thomas A. Mahon
Thomas A. Mahon, 37, was raised in Oyster Bay and after living in New York City, he and his wife Beth decided to move to East Norwich to raise their daughter Shay, who was born in 1999. Tom worked for Cantor

Fitzgerald.

On work days, Tom would unwind on his train ride home to be ready for his bike ride with Shay. When his car pulled into the driveway, Finn, their Irish water spaniel would hear it and start to run. Across the deck and up on hind legs, Finn would greet Tom as Shay came to hug her dad. Beth has that scene etched in her mind and replays it for Shay who interjects, "Daddy's in heaven" every time she hears her father's name.

Initially Beth and Tom met on a blind date, which didn't work out and three years later their paths crossed again. "We just never grew tired of each other," she said.

She found closure in a cancelled check a firefighter found amidst the rubble, which he gave to her on September 16, 2001. The check was made out to her in 1996 and signed by her husband. "Everyone wants a sign," she said. "I think that was his way of telling me that he's in a better place and that he's OK."

The family of Thomas A. Mahon held a memorial service on October 4, 2001 at St. Dominic's R.C. Church in Oyster Bay. On the back of the program was the following poem:

Their Mansions in the Sky
"Look not among the ruins,
Raise your sight up to the sky,
Look for me in my mansion,
And see God is on my side.
He was right there with me,
I did not feel the pain,
Through the sounds of terror,
I heard Him call my name...
I left here in an instant,
Yet my love I leave behind,
Remember me with gladness,
As one so good and kind...
And though I walked the valley,
I reached the mountain high,
It's where I'll wait for thee,
In my mansion in the sky."
-M.C.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Thomas Mahon to either the Shay Mahon Fund, P.O. Box 503, Williston Park, NY 11596 or to St. Dominic's High School where a memorial has been established for
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