



HONOR GUARD: The funeral procession for fire hero Keith Roma takes the Sept. 11 hero to his final rest in Staten Island yesterday, where parents Rosemarie and Arnold Roma (below) cradled his helmet. His remains were found on Christmas Eve. Chad Rachman

AN FDNY HERO'S LAST GIFT

By BRIDGET HARRISON

An emotional Rudy Giuliani attended his last firefighter funeral as mayor yesterday, paying tribute to a 27-year-old fire patrolman whose body was found on Christmas Eve.

Keith Roma of Staten Island was a fire patrolman, one of a handful of city firefighters paid to salvage property in blazes. The only fire patrolman lost Sept. 11, Roma died at the foot of the north tower after having repeatedly run back into the building to help save lives.

"I never imagined I would be attending so many firefighters' funerals," said Giuliani to the intimate congregation of Roma's parents, brother, sister and friends at St. Charles Church in New Dorp.

Giuliani, who attended the funeral with Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, said the only thing that had kept him going during the past three months was thinking about all the extraordinary people like Roma who gave their lives at the World Trade Center.

"I kept wondering, where do we find people like this — that can walk into a fire and take people out?" Giuliani said.

"I figured it out after all these memorial and funeral services.

In Memoriam

Firefighter Keith Roma
Fire Patrol No. 2

Survived by father Arnold, mother Rosemary, brother Kevin, sister Maureen and daughter Samantha.

We find them because of their families and the way they were brought up."

Giuliani also said that, in his whole lifetime, he would not be able to comprehend what the men and women of the Fire Department had accomplished on Sept. 11.

Molinari, also in his last few days of office, said he had cleared his schedule to fit in Roma's funeral. He spoke as the church bell tolled above the fire patrolman's coffin.

Molinari said Roma's bravery in running back and forth into the building was well documented by witnesses.

"We know what kind of a hero Kevin was that day," he said.

Roma, of Fire Patrol No. 2 on West 3rd Street in Greenwich Village, had been a fire patrolman for seven years. His job, funded by fire-insurance



Six names added to list of dead

These names were added yesterday to the list of confirmed dead in the World Trade Center attack:

Robert Cauffield, 49; Paul Martini, 37; Vincent Princiotta, 39; Mario Santoro, 28; John Schardt, 34; Lonny Jay Stone, 43.

companies, was to respond to 911 calls and help salvage property in burning buildings.

On Sept. 11, Roma ended up in the lobby of the north tower, helping carry injured people from the building.

His father, Arnold, a retired fire patrolman and former NYPD officer, also went to the scene and helped people to safety from the trade center.

When the buildings col-

lapsed, Arnold escaped — and returned repeatedly to ground zero to search for his son.

The family's prayers for Roma's return were finally answered just after they had opened their presents and had a meal on Christmas Eve.

"Keith saw our family's pain," said his tearful brother, Kevin.

"It was not by chance that he was found on Christmas Eve. It was his gift to us."