



## Captain Jake Ringering

December 14, 1981 - March 5, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Captain Jake Ringering, 37, passed away in the line of duty on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. He was born in Alton on December 14, 1981. He was the son of Robin (Ballard) Disney and her husband Reverend Stephen Disney of Wood River, and Larry Ringering and his wife Jan of Worden, IL. Jake graduated from East Alton Wood River High School in 2000 and from Lewis & Clark Community College in 2004 with an Associates Degree in Fire Science. He also earned his Emergency Medical Technician License. He began his career as a paid on call Firefighter in East Alton on February 20, 2001. He was hired as a career firefighter at East Alton on December 20, 2005. On August 5, 2010 he was hired as a career firefighter at Godfrey Fire Protection District where he attained the rank of lieutenant on March 27, 2013 and Captain on May 1, 2014. He was also the technical rescue officer, respiratory protection officer and a lead instructor for the department. He earned Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal Certification in: Firefighter II, Firefighter III, Basic Operations Firefighter, Advanced Technician Firefighter, Fire Officer I, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Technical Rescue Awareness, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Vehicle and Machinery Operations, Rescue Specialist-Confined Space, Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations, Rope Operations, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Service Instructor II, Fire Investigator, and Rescue Specialist-Vertical II/High

Angle. As a result of his dedication to public service, Jake impacted many lives and countless individuals are alive today as a testament. Jake served as President of the Godfrey Firefighters Local 1692 and taught Fire Science at Lewis & Clark Community College. He was also a trainer/instructor through Max Fire Training. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. On January 3, 2009 he married the former Allison Budde at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She survives. Along with his parents and wife he is survived by three children, Nora Marie Ringering, Elaina Lynn Ringering and Logan Jacob Ringering. One brother, Chris Stratton (Richel) of Godfrey, one sister, Julie Downs (Jedediah) of East Alton, grandmother, Thelma Ballard of East Alton, Allison's parents, Robert and Susan Budde of Godfrey, sister-in-law, Andrea Budde of Godfrey, brother-in-law, Andrew Budde of Cottage Hills and nieces and nephews; Jaden, Jerald, Jolene and Jacqueline Downs, Landon and Levi Stratton, and Jackson Budde, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Lucien and Marjorie Ringering and Captain Ed Ballard. Jake was the most devoted husband and father to his family, and always put them first in his life. Their happiness was his happiness, and he made them very proud. He was adored by his children. In every aspect of his life he was a leader and always wanted to help others. He was a loving son, brother, and in-law who never met a stranger. Jake was loved by many people and everyone he met called him a friend. Visitation will be from 2:00-8:00 p.m. with a 6:00 p.m. walk through tribute by members of the Godfrey Fire Protection District on Monday, March 11, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Father Jeremy Paulin, OMV will officiate. Memorials may be made to: Benefitting The Jake Ringering Family through Carrollton Bank, 120 Homer Adams Parkway, Alton, IL 62002. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Jake Ringering*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Captain Jake Ringering*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our sympathies to Captain Ringering's family and to the Robert Budde family from the Joehl cousins. You all remain in our daily prayers. May you find strength to endure from your faith and love of family. God bless you.*



**Rita Markgraf (Joehl)** - March 11, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *I remember Jake when he started with the East Alton Fire Department. I always enjoyed talking to him. He do miss working with him and his dad, Larry at East Alton Fire Department. So very sorry for your loss. Plese tell Larry he has my sympathy too. Bob Simmons of Alton Memorial Ambulance retired.*

**Bob Donna** - March 11, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 11, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *We would like to offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to all the Ringering Family. Our thoughts and prayers to all of Jake's family. RIP Jake Sean & Barb Williams*

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**Sean Williams** - March 11, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 11, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 10, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 10, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 09, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 09, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *Larry You and your family have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your son, he was called to help out in heaven. Jake must have been GOD 's top priority.*

*Larry do you remember our childhood when I came over to your house with my little red fire truck that pumped water. Wasn't life simple then.*

*Larry, God bless you and your family, your friend Larry Militello*

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**Larry Militello** - March 09, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 09, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Larry and the entire Ringering family, there are few words to express your loss. Chief, you should be proud, Jake was it. Prayers and Condolences. The Rick Crivello family and employees of Bobs Lawn & Garden.*

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**Rick Crivello** - March 09, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Allison and her children, as well as the Budde and Ringering families. RIP Jake. Bob & Ag Hartsock, East Alton, Il.*

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**Bob & Ag Hartsock** - March 08, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ *Lottie Kaesik, Stephen Summers purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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**Lottie Kaesik, Stephen Summers** - March 08, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 08, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts go to the Ringering Family as they deal with the loss of such a great man. It takes a special person to touch so many lives, as we see by the outpouring of tributes, memories and love for Jake. I hope you find peace knowing that Jake made a huge impact on so many lives and so many people in his many years of service to many communities. God bless him and his family.*

*Doug Downey, IEMA Region 8 Coordinator  
IEMA Family*

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**doug downey** - March 08, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Love, prayers, and condolences to the family of Jake Ringering. All of the Sisters are praying for you.*

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**Sister Swiezynski** - March 08, 2019 at 03:39 PM

RH

“ I met Jake as a blonde-headed toddler full of energy and lots of smiles. What a wonderful person he grew-up to be! I thank him for his service & commitment to his community. I wish his family peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead.

*Rita Hull*

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**Rita Hull** - March 08, 2019 at 03:32 PM

TB

“ Prayers and comfort to the family and friends of Captain Ringering.

*Watson Fire Protection District  
Watson, IL*

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**Travis Buhnerkempe** - March 08, 2019 at 03:28 PM

DP

“ I would like to send you all my heartfelt condolences. Rest easy Captain Ringering, we'll take it from here.

*Battalion Chief Derrick Phillips  
St. Louis Fire Department*



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**Derrick Phillips** - March 08, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 08, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Watch over us brother, I looked up to you and always said to myself Capt. Ringering is the type firefighter I wanna be. You have your all, the time you spent to mentor me I'll always hold on to and when those tones drop I'll remember the lesson you told me to never forget, you're there to help people, so do it. I'm gonna miss your Capt. Ringering.*

*Cameron Smith  
Explorer  
Irmo Fire Dept.*

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**Cameron Smith** - March 08, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Cameron Smith lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Cameron Smith** - March 08, 2019 at 08:41 AM

MN

“ *Mark Goerger - NWFD lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Mark Goerger - NWFD** - March 08, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ *Prayers and sincerest and heartfelt condolences from Rome, Italy.*

*Fr. John Wykes, OMV*

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**John Wykes** - March 08, 2019 at 04:31 AM

TH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Jake's family at this time. May our heavenly father and our loving Blessed Mother welcome Jake into their arms and love him. May he find the heavenly peace he so deserves. May he gain his wings to always watch over his earthly family. Thank you Sir for your strength, devotion, and for your service to helping folks that you didn't know, but knew they were your family in Christ. God Bless you Jake. Until your family are with you once again, watch over them.*

*The Holford Family from EastAlton*

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**Teresa Holford** - March 08, 2019 at 12:12 AM

JW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all of Jake's family and all his Brothers Sisters in the Fire Service.  
with Sympathy  
Jo & Dave Wall*

*Dave is Retired Firefighter/Paramedic from University City, Mo. Also Worked EMS for Wood River Hospital, Campbell's Ambulance & Alton Memorial Ambulance. & knew Larry from working in these places.*

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**Jo Wall** - March 07, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Captain Jake Ringering.*



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March 07, 2019 at 09:02 PM

CG

“ *Chris Grace lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Chris Grace** - March 07, 2019 at 08:02 PM

SY

“ Rest easy brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.

*Captain Steve Young  
Kitchener Fire Dept.  
Ontario, Canada*

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**Steve Young** - March 07, 2019 at 07:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**EMS LT Peter "Doc" Wight (retired)** - March 07, 2019 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ Debbie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering



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**Debbie Sanders** - March 07, 2019 at 06:31 PM

DS

*God bless may you rest in peace you saved a lot of lives. There are no word that will make it any easier for the family just know that he was a hero and will never be forgotten.*

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**Debbie Sanders** - March 07, 2019 at 06:33 PM

CH

“ Chris and Richel, I am so sorry for your loss. there are no words to make it any better and saying sorry is the only thing I can think of because I am sorry. May you find peace with the memories you have of your amazing brother. I am sending prayers your way. Lean on everyone around you for support. Your brother left behind a legacy that will be forever remembered by everyone that knew him. He touched so many lives and loved what he did that his passing was from him helping others. I am here if you need anything. God bless ;you all  
Cyndi Hall  
Rickell Sagers mom



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**cynthia hall** - March 07, 2019 at 05:58 PM

PM

“ Pam Maxeiner lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering



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**Pam Maxeiner** - March 07, 2019 at 05:57 PM

RN

“ To Jake's family, Larry & Jan.  
Blessed be thou who are at peace with the Lord, so be it with this child of GOD.  
Jake was a fine young man and will be missed by all that knew him.  
Rick Newman.

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**Rick Newman** - March 07, 2019 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Tim Rowland. Local 3252 lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Tim Rowland. Local 3252** - March 07, 2019 at 05:44 PM

 Kevin Eddinger

“ *The Eddinger Family wish to send our deepest condolences to the Ringering family and friends.....Praying for comfort.....*



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**Kevin Eddinger** - March 07, 2019 at 05:26 PM

TF

“ *The Hanneken Famy lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**The Hanneken famy** - March 07, 2019 at 05:18 PM

TF

*Our deepest sympathy to the Ringering, Budde, Disney, and Ballard families. God bless each of you during this loss of a fine young man, father, husband, and community leader.*

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**The Hanneken family** - March 07, 2019 at 05:22 PM

MF

“ *Melissa Millsap & Family lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Melissa Millsap & Family** - March 07, 2019 at 05:17 PM

SK

“ *Sherry Krischke lit a candle in memory of Captain Jake Ringering*



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**Sherry Krischke** - March 07, 2019 at 05:11 PM

SK

*To all of Jake's family and friends, I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.*

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**Sherry Krischke** - March 07, 2019 at 05:14 PM

MI

“ *On behalf of the Ingmire & Randell Family we send our deepest condolences to the Ringering Family as well as the Godfery Fire Department.*

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**Matthew Ingmire** - March 07, 2019 at 05:10 PM

CJ

“ On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Jacksboro Fire Department we would like to offer our deepest condolences. Rest In Peace Captain Ringering

Captain Jason Jennings  
Jacksboro, TX



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**Captain Jennings** - March 07, 2019 at 04:38 PM