

Wake & Funeral Arrangements

An Official Communication from the **Uniformed Firefighters Association**

IAFF Local 94 - AFL-CIO

Wake & Funeral Notification | August 29, 2024

RETIRED FIREFIGHTER ROBERT OLSEN ENGINE 229/LADDER 146



The UFA regretfully announces the passing of retired Firefighter Robert Olsen, who, after several misdiagnoses, was diagnosed with advanced ALS in 2021. The illness traced back to his time spent at Ground Zero after the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks. Firefighter Olsen served the Department from his appointment in May 1998 until his retirement in June 2022.

Neurological illnesses, including ALS, are not covered by the WTC Health Program, and Firefighter Olsen continuously fought to have these types of diseases included in the program after suffering the effects of his own toxic exposure from the WTC rescue and recovery efforts. He was the single greatest advocate for WTC ALS victims.

We thank Firefighter Olsen for his dedication both on and off the job, and vow to Never Forget.

WAKE

Friday, August 30, 2024 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Claude R. Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home 448 West Main Street Babylon, NY 11702

FUNERAL

Saturday, August 31, 2024 10:30 AM St. Joseph's Catholic Church 39 North Carll Avenue Babylon, NY 11702

Off-duty members and their families are invited to attend the services in honor of Retired Firefighter Robert Olsen. Members are asked to attend in Class A Uniform.

Fraternally,

Eric DioGuardi **Recording Secretary** Andrew Ansbro President

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