

John “Jack” Robert Young Bio

John “Jack” began his career on July 1, 1974 as a Fire Apparatus Engineer with the California Division of Forestry (CDF/CAL FIRE) in the Fresno Kings Unit. John promoted to Fire Captain in 1987 working in the Humboldt Unit as a Station Captain and at the Eel River Conservation Camp as a Fire Crew Captain. In December of 1997, John transferred to the Tuolumne Calaveras Unit working at the Sierra Training Center as an instructor of Inmate Firefighters until his medically required retirement on May 11, 2002.

Jack’s exemplary Christian life was apparent in so many ways, such as his involvement with St. Patrick’s, Matthew: 25 homeless breakfasts. He was always the first to want to lend a helping hand to those in need. Jack lived his faith and instilled such strong morals and outstanding family value in his sons. Although it is almost impossible to sum up the life of such a remarkable man, there are many words, which everyone who knew Jack would agree, truly describe his character; honest, generous, strong, organized, dependable, outgoing, fun, responsible, and deeply caring.

Jack passed away at the Stanford Medical Center on March 23, 2008, after a courageous fight against job related Leukemia at the age of 58.