

# FALLEN FINEST

## POLICE OFFICERS JAMES P. ROWLEY & CHARLES J. TROJAHN Aviation Unit



ROWLEY



TROJAHN

**P**olice Officer James Rowley and his partner Police Officer Charles Trojahn were killed when their helicopter was involved in a mid-air collision over Brooklyn on July 22, 1983.

It was approximately 8:40 am; the height of the morning rush-hour. The officers were on routine traffic patrol when a commuter seaplane, operating between Wall St. and New Jersey, collided with their helicopter above the streets of the Red Hook section of Brooklyn.

The collision tore off the helicopter's tail rotor which caused the craft to flip through the air, hit a three-story brick building, scraped down the building's side and crashed through the roof of a vacant garage on Columbia Street. The seaplane plunged into the East River where two of the four passengers were killed.

Police Officer James P. Rowley was 39 years old and served with the Police Department for 17 years. He was survived by his wife, Mary and their two children, Jennifer and James.

Police Officer Charles J. Trojahn was 27 years old and had served the NYPD for two years. He was survived by his parents, Charles and Harriet.

