

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER GARY C. COE Brooklyn South Task Force

Police Officer Gary Coe died on Saturday, November 11th, 1989 when he was stabbed by a motorcyclist after the two were involved in an off-duty motor vehicle accident.



Officer Coe was driving his vehicle in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn with his girlfriend in the passenger seat. Shortly before 2:00 am, he came to Shore Road Drive and Third Avenue where his car struck the back of a motorcycle, breaking the motorcycle's taillight. The driver of the motorcycle approached Officer Coe and words were exchanged. Officer Coe identified himself as Police Officer. The suspect then shoved Officer Coe and proceeded to stab him twice in the chest, twice in the legs and once in the back with a four-inch utility knife. The suspect also assaulted Officer Coe's girlfriend, slashing her across the hand when she tried to intervene.

Officer Coe was taken to Lutheran Medical Center where he died an hour later. The suspect fled on his motorcycle after the stabbing but he was arrested later that day.

Police Officer Gary Coe was 26 years old and had served with the New York City Police Department for almost four years. He was survived by his 6-year-old daughter, Jamie.

