

# FALLEN FINEST

## **POLICE OFFICER KENNETH M. HANSEN** Harbor Unit



**P**olice Officer Kenneth Hansen drowned while posing as a victim during a water rescue training session. Officer Hansen was making a training film for a German film crew of air/water rescue. He was reported missing on June 11th, 1991 and his body was recovered from New

York Harbor in Lower Manhattan the next day on June 12th, 1991.

Widely regarded as charismatic and outgoing, Officer Hansen touched friends and co-workers alike with his courage, humor and zeal for life. He enjoyed sports, especially softball and rowing where, as the “coxswain” or steersman, he led his high school rowing team to their greatest championship season. A hero to the end, Officer Hansen saved a man’s life from the perilous waters of New York Harbor during his last tour before his tragic incident.

Officer Hansen was born with the legacy of the NYPD in his family including his maternal grandfather who served the NYPD for 39 years.

Police Officer Kenneth M. Hansen was survived by his father John, a retired NYPD detective; his mother Judy, who serves as Treasurer for the Deceased Officers Parents Organization; his sister Judy; and two brothers, John and James. John is a retired NYPD detective and James recently retired from the department with the rank of Sergeant Special Assignment.

At the time of the incident, John Sr., John Jr., James and Kenneth were all active duty uniformed members of the service.

