

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER KENTON E. BRITT Highway Unit 3

Police Officer Kenton Britt died of injuries he sustained when he was struck by a vehicle at the scene of a minor vehicle accident.



On Wednesday, November 12th, 1986, at about 12:30 am, PO Britt and five other officers responded to an accident on the Grand Central Parkway at the junction with the Van Wyck Expressway in Kew Gardens, Queens. Earlier, a car had knocked down a lamppost on the parkway and sped off. The lamppost blocked the right lane of the eastbound parkway and two other cars trying to avoid the fallen lamppost collided.

As Police Officer Britt and the other Highway Officers placed flares and cones and conducted their investigation, a car swerved onto a parkway divider and plowed into the six officers. Officer Britt was hit and dragged across two lanes of traffic. The other five officers suffered injuries ranging from minor to serious but not life-threatening. Officer Britt was rushed to Booth Memorial Hospital, but expired two hours later from head, chest and abdomen injuries.

Police Officer Kenton E. Britt had served with the New York City Police Department for four years. He was 32 years old and was survived by his mother, Edna; and his sister, Linda.

