

# FALLEN FINEST

## **POLICE OFFICER RAYMOND R. CANNON, JR.** 69 Precinct

**P**olice Officer Raymond Cannon was shot and killed when he and his partner responded to a call to investigate suspicious activity at a store.

On Friday, December 2, 1994, at about 3:45 pm, Officer Cannon and his partner responded to a call of suspicious males inside a bicycle store located at 933 East 107th street in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. Upon arrival, one male suspect posing as an employee stated there was no problem. The officers holstered their weapons but within moments, a second suspect, armed with a gun, suddenly emerged from hiding and began firing at the officers. Officer Cannon was struck twice in the face.

A fierce gun battle ensued as backup officers arrived and Officer Cannon was pulled out the store. In total there were four suspects in the premise. When it was over, the suspect who shot Officer Cannon had been shot and killed by return fire from Cannon's partner. The other three suspects were apprehended hiding in the basement of the building.

Police Officer Cannon was removed to Brookdale Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

In 1996, Officer Cannon and his partner both received the Medal of Honor, the Department's highest award, for their heroic actions.

Police Officer Raymond R. Cannon, Jr. was 26 years old and served the NYPD for four years. He was survived by his wife, Laura; his parents, Margaret and Raymond Sr.; and his siblings, Mark, Michael, Jerry and David.

