



*West Midlands Fire Service
Book of Remembrance*

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Roll of Honour

Leslie Marsh

Derek George William Andrews

George William Barrett

Ian Robert Collier

Robin John Gleeson

Dennis Michael Flint

Nicholas Mark Walker

Iain James Hugh McPhee

Andrew Edmund Clinton

Brian Dean



Andrew Edmund Clinton

7th July 1950 - 17th March 2003

Firefighter

Bournbrook Fire Station

8th September 1980 - 17th March 2003

On 9th March 2003 Firefighter Andy Clinton was training on a Hydraulic Platform, when he fell from the platform and sustained a severe head injury from which he later died.

Andy was an extremely capable and practical Firefighter, held in high esteem by his colleagues. Everyone knew him for his love of life, and lively sense of humour. He was a much loved and well respected member of White Watch Bournbrook and an inspiration to all who served with him.

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Brian Dean

21st September 1959 - 3rd December 2008

Firefighter

Bloxwich Fire Station

11th May 1987 - 3rd December 2008

On 3rd December 2008 Firefighter Brian Dean was returning from an incident when he collapsed and died shortly afterwards.

Brian was much loved and respected by all who worked with him. He was a dedicated Firefighter and also a Trauma Management Instructor. His career began and fatefully ended on Blue Watch Bloxwich.

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Dennis Michael Flint

3rd June 1951 - 22nd September 1983

Firefighter

6th April 1974 - 22nd September 1983

A3 Sutton Coldfield

On 22nd September 1983, Firefighter Dennis Flint attended a fire at Trevor Street Nechells, Birmingham. Firefighter Flint was part of a crew which responded to severe fire at a waste paper factory.

During firefighting operations Firefighter Flint was struck by a bale of paper and sustained severe multiple injuries from which he later died.

Dennis served with the Brigade for nine years and was known affectionately as 'Fred' to his watch. He was known for his lively sense of humour and for being a determined and resilient team member. Dennis was very popular and well respected by his colleagues.

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Derek George William Andrews

10th January 1940 - 25th August 1972

Sub Officer

C7 Ladywood

6th April 1964 - 25th August 1972

On 25th August 1972, Sub Officer Derek Andrews was part of a crew who attended a severe factory fire in Tenby Street North, Birmingham.

During firefighting operations, part of the building collapsed onto Sub Officer Andrews trapping him beneath the debris. Sub Officer Andrews died before reaching hospital.

Derek Andrews was an outstanding officer who led his watch by example. He involved himself fully in Fire Service life often representing his station at Brigade sporting events. He was a popular man and his colleagues remember him for his good natured personality and his dedication to duty.

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George William Barrett
22nd May 1933 - 2nd December 1976

Sub Officer
23rd June 1958 - 2nd December 1976
D Division Fire Prevention

On 2nd December 1976, Sub Officer George Barrett was on route to carry out a routine fire inspection when the Fire Service van he was driving was involved in a serious Road Traffic accident with a single decker bus.

Sub Officer Barrett sustained severe multiple injuries and died before reaching hospital.

George was a diligent and conscientious officer. He had a strong community spirit, often giving up his own time to establish the local scouts group; which he then helped to run for the children of the village. He was good humoured and interacted well with his colleagues who remember him for his willingness to help others.

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Iain James Hugh McPhee

3rd September 1969 - 28th July 1992

Firefighter

31st July 1989 - 28th July 1992

C7 Ladywood

On 27th July 1992, Firefighter Iain McPhee attended an incident at Charlecote Tower, Dorking Grove, Lee Bank, Birmingham. Firefighter McPhee was part of a crew who responded to a severe fire in a flat on the ninth floor of a twenty storey block of flats.

During firefighting operations, Firefighter McPhee sustained severe burns and internal injuries from which he later died.

Iain always demonstrated a strong team spirit with his colleagues. He was positive and always willing to help others. Iain involved himself fully in Fire Service life, often giving up his own free time to participate in ceremonial duties as part of the Colour Party.

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Ian Robert Collier

22nd July 1954 - 29th May 1977

Firefighter

10th January 1977 - 29th May 1977

C9 Acocks Green

On 29th May 1977, Firefighter Ian Collier attended an incident on a railway embankment near Four Ashes Road, Solihull. Firefighter Collier was part of a crew which responded to a grass fire spreading across the embankment.

During firefighting operations, Firefighter Collier was struck by a railway locomotive and sustained severe injuries from which he died.

Although tragically Ian was in the service such a short time, he had already made an impact with his colleagues who found him diligent and enthusiastic. His commanding officer reported that Ian had all the makings of a conscientious and effective firefighter.

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Leslie Marsh

12th June 1913 - 12th February 1949

Leading Fireman

A1 Central

*On 7th February 1949, Leading Fireman Leslie Marsh attended a fire at Fox St, Aston, Birmingham.
He was a member of a crew who responded to a fire in a derelict church.*

*During firefighting operations, Leading Fireman Marsh fell through a hole in the first floor and sustained
spinal injuries from which he died several days later, leaving a wife and two young children.*

*He was on active duty with the National Fire Service throughout the war years and was considered to be a very competent
Fireman. He was known for his quiet and calm manner and was very popular with his colleagues.*

*Chief Fire Officer Coleman reported at the time that Leslie was a bright fireman, with a good future who
tragically lost his life in the course of his duty.*

He gave his life in the service of others.

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Nicholas Mark Walker

21st June 1960 - 3rd July 1985

Firefighter

26th June 1978 - 3rd July 1985

C4 Bournbrook

On Saturday 29th June 1985, Firefighter Nicholas Walker was part of a crew responding to a rubbish fire at West Heath Hospital, Birmingham.

On route to the incident, the fire appliance in which he was travelling was involved in a serious road traffic incident. Firefighter Walker sustained severe head injuries from which he died several days later.

Nicholas was a diligent and practical firefighter. His colleagues remember him for his larger than life personality and his keen sense of humour.

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Robin John Gleeson

7th November 1952 - 19th August 1982

Leading Firefighter

5th August 1974 - 19th August 1982.

E1 Walsall

*On 14th August 1982, Leading Firefighter Robin Gleeson attended a fire at Bath Street, Walsall.
Leading Firefighter Gleeson was part of a crew which responded to a severe fire at a
waste paper factory.*

*During firefighting operations Leading Firefighter Gleeson sustained severe head injuries
from which he later died.*

*Robin Gleeson was a practical firefighter who encouraged others with his team spirit.
He was a capable officer with a wry sense of humour which could diffuse difficult situations.
His commanding officer reported that Robin had a bright future.*

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