



Grave-side Committal –for a Firefighter

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Dear Friends, whereas, in His infinite wisdom, the Supreme Chief of the Universe has once more sounded the last alarm, and death has once more invaded our ranks and summoned from the walks of life our beloved brother:

_____, (Badge # _____).

And as we are again called to assemble among the habitations of the dead; we are called upon to consider the uncertainty of human life, the immutable certainty of death, and to be reminded that the Supreme Chief has taken our brother (his immortal soul) to dwell with Him in that heavenly mansion He has prepared for him in the Eternal heavens, with God himself and the saints of the ages.

It is today our sad duty that we reverently commit the body of our dear brother to the grave: **earth to earth; ashes to ashes; dust to dust.**

And our inspiring privilege to acknowledge the ascension of his spirit, (his immortal being), to our Maker, Father, and Redeemer, the Supreme Chief of the Universe in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead.

To the members of our brother's family, who are most heart-stricken at the loss we have all sustained, we have but little of this world's consolation to offer; we can only sincerely, deeply and most affectionately sympathize with you in your bereavement. However, we can commend you to our Great God, The Great I Am, who can and will sustain you and keep you according to His

own True and Eternal Word.

The Last Alarm:

The life of a firefighter is closely associated with the ringing of a bell. As he begins his hours of duty it is the bell that starts it off and so through the day and night, each alarm is sounded by a bell, which calls him to fight fire and to place his life in jeopardy for the good of his fellow man. And, when the fire is out and the alarm has come to an end, the bell rings three times to signal the end.

And, now (NAME) has completed his task, well done.

(BELL RINGS THREE TIMES)

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, Author of all that is good, Giver of all mercy and grace, pour out Your blessings upon _____'s family here today and in the days ahead. Strengthen them, support them with Your rod and Your staff as they continue their journey without _____. Hold them close to Your Great Heart; bring them into a place of refuge; and, Holy Father, Supreme Chief, receive them and us to Thyself when we too shall pass this way. For Thy Name's sake, we pray. Amen

(and placing on the brother's casket), say:

“And, now, until then, our dear brother, until then, farewell.”