

Matthew Stannish – Class of 66

Webguy,

Having been introduced to the Mater Christi website in the spring of 2013, I was aware of the death of Matthew Stannish (class of 1966) on 12/27/1992. Growing up with Matt in Jackson Heights and graduating both grammar school (Our Lady of Fatima along with John Kerins) & Mater Christi with him, I can attest to the fact that he was a "character". He matured into a respected and admired Deputy Inspector with the NYC Transit Police. My last contact with Matt was in the fall/winter of 1981. I sought him out in response to a Daily News article depicting the Transit Police K9 Unit which he commanded. Fast forward to December 1992, I read of his untimely death in the NY Post. I was able to piece together an obituary of sorts from an old Transit Police magazine. Under the heading "better late than never," I respectfully request that you add Matt Stannish's obituary to the Passing thread of 1966. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Tom O'Neill class of 1966.

At dawn on December 27th, in East Northport, Deputy Inspector Matthew Stannish's career ended when a hit & run driver crashed into the side of the car he was driving, killing him and injuring his son James, who was the only passenger.

The suspect was later arrested at a nearby hospital where he had gone for treatment.

News of the tragedy drew cries of anguish throughout the Department and words of affection and praise for a brother officer. Chief O'Connor said, "The Department has lost a fine officer and leader, and I have lost a friend".

Surviving, besides his son, who is currently on the police hiring list are his wife Ruth, a daughter Doreen, two sisters - Arlene Dreher and Ginger Sheppa, and his parents Matthew and Catherine Stannish.

Matthew J> Stannish, 43, was born and grew up in Queens, and lived there until moving to Commack 12 years ago. He went to Mater Christi High School, joined the transit police in 1070 and graduated number one academically from his recruit training class. Leter, he kept plugging away at his education, and gained a bachelor of science in criminal justice from John Jay College in 1991.

[from Webguy II]

John Jay College of Criminal Justice established a scholarship in Matthew's honor. The following appears in the undergraduate newsletter . . .

