

Kirk Dean Robinson Firefighter for 18 years Lieutenant Bothell, WA Fire Department



Lieutenant Kirk Robinson joined the Bothell Fire Department in April 2001 and traveled to New York City to assist in the aftermath of 9/11 just five months later. In 2005, he was deployed to help those devastated by Hurricane Katrina. In addition to his work with Bothell Fire, Robinson served on water rescue teams, the honor guard and Mercer Island, WA Marine Patrol. Every year he participated in the Seattle Firefighter Stair Climb, and helped organize annual department fundraisers.

On February 23, 2017, Kirk was diagnosed with stage four metastatic melanoma, a job-related cancer. Studies show firefighters are 9 percent more likely to develop cancer than the rest of the population. After a heroic two-year battle, Lieutenant Robinson passed on October 4, 2019 leaving his wife, Jessie, and their two sons, Gavin and Levi. In his 42 years of life, Kirk's priorities were family, faith, friends and service to others. A close friend recently said of Kirk, "He never seemed to want anything in return; in fact, I think he was uncomfortable with receiving help because he liked to be the one who helped."

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