



# Timothy Joseph McClanahan

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**T**imothy “Tim” Joseph McClanahan passed away on Monday, July 11, 2016 following a rescue training accident. He was training to do what he loved most, protect and serve our community.

Tim was born on June 29, 1970 at Sibley Hospital in Washington D.C., son of Robert Michael and Rita (McCabe) McClanahan. He and his family lived in Vienna, VA until 1986 when they moved to Lewes, DE. Tim graduated from Cape Henlopen High School with the Class of 1988 and then continued his studies at Delaware Technical Community College.

Tim was a master of many trades and worked at several local businesses in his life: Best Ace Hardware, Rehoboth Beach Police Department, Grand Rental Station, North American Homes, Snap on Tools, Snookies Speed Parts, Schagrín Gas, WMF Watersports, the Delaware State Fire Marshall’s Office, Priority One Air Rescue, Baker’s Petroleum, Delaware State Fire School, and Bay Shore Small Engine Repairs with his father.

Tim could fix absolutely anything. He was the youngest Briggs and Stratton certified master mechanic in Delaware and could tune a small engine only by its sound. Tim was also an exemplary teacher. He was patient and understanding and could explain the smallest details with ease.

Tim started his lifelong dedication to emergency service in 1991. He was a past member of Milton and Rehoboth Beach Fire Departments and a current member of the Lewes Fire Department where he achieved the rank of Assistant Chief. He had a true passion for rescue. Tim joined DART (Delaware Air Rescue Team) in 2010, a partnership with the Delaware State Police. DART is an exclusive and highly trained group of men dedicated to responding to emergencies across the state. He led the Build the Boat Campaign in 2008 which resulted in a state of the art Lewes Fire Boat, a vessel he designed. Tim was instrumental in the development of the Lewes Fire Department water rescue program. He was a highly decorated and hardworking fire fighter dedicated to the mission of public safety. Tim will be hard to replace.



## Obituary

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Tim was a loving, compassionate and dedicated father, a caring son, fiancé', brother, uncle and friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He never met a stranger.

Tim is survived by his parents, Mike and Rita M. McClanahan; his loving fiancé', Kim Holler-Baker; his son, Brenden Joseph McClanahan; his daughter, Mollie Anne McClanahan; two brothers, Sean McClanahan and his wife, Pam of Lewes, DE and Brion McClanahan and his wife, Samantha of Phenix City, AL; and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at 3 PM at Cape Henlopen High School Auditorium, 1250 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958. Final Fireman's Honors will be held immediately following Funeral Services.

Public Viewings will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE and again on Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 12 noon to 3:00 PM at Cape Henlopen High School.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Mr. McClanhahan's name to the Lewes Fire Department, P.O. Box 225, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Tim's online guestbook located at this site.



## Events

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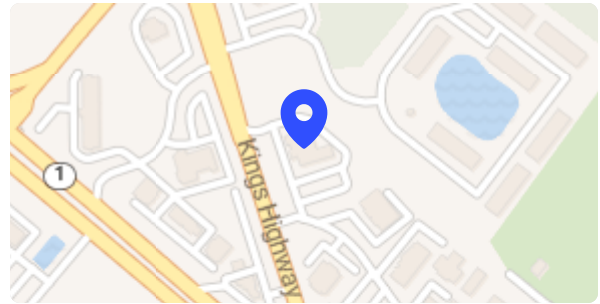
### Viewing

 **Saturday**, July 16, 2016

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-  
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



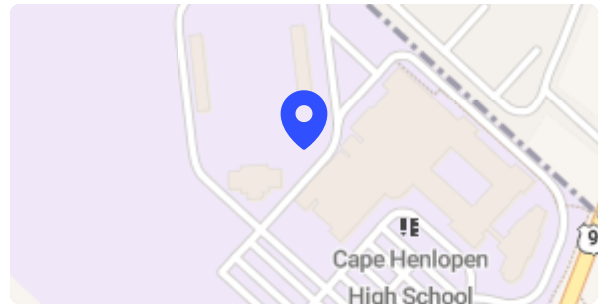
### Viewing

 **Sunday**, July 17, 2016

 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Cape Henlopen High School Auditorium**

1250 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



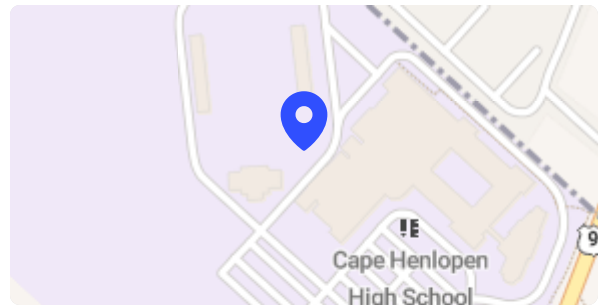
### Funeral Service

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 3:00 PM ET

 **Cape Henlopen High School Auditorium**

1250 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958





## Tribute Wall

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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Tribute Video**.



July 18 at 4:18 AM



**Tina Vent** posted:

I had the honor of meeting and getting to know Tim many years ago. He was an incredible young man. I am so sorry for his loss. May God comfort you with precious memories of Tim.

July 17 at 3:17 AM



**Katherine C Domorod** posted:

My heart breaks for your loss and the great loss to Delaware's Emergency Services. I didn't know Tim, but I understand what kind of man he was. He will surely and sorely be missed by all who knew him and knew of the life of dedication he lived. May you rest in peace brother and may the strength of love carry your family, loved ones and brotherhood through this time of unspeakable tragedy. Katherine C Domorod, Five Points Fire Co., Station 17.

July 17 at 1:53 AM



**Russ Leager** posted:

Rest in peace Sir

July 16 at 7:35 PM



**Allen & Diana Riley** posted:

Tim.....so devoted to serving others & volunteering his time to the benefit of all - you will never be forgotten & we are forever indebted to you for your unselfish service. Sincere thoughts & prayers go out to all the McClanahan family during this most difficult time & the days & months ahead. God Bless you all. Allen & Diana Riley

July 16 at 2:26 PM



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**Pastor Bob Hudson** posted:

With fond memories and deep appreciation for Tim's service, Pastor Bob Hudson, DVFA Chaplain

July 16 at 11:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the McClanahan family.



July 16 at 8:53 AM



**Joyce Adkins** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family and the Lewes Fire Department. Joyce Adkins

July 16 at 8:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the McClanahan family.



July 16 at 8:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the McClanahan family.



July 16 at 2:49 AM



**Leroy Clayville** posted:

Never knew Tim, but felt the need to express my sincere apologies and condolences to his family...and to thank him for all he has accomplished for this state and for his service as one of our fire fighter heroes...Thank you, Leroy Clayville

July 16 at 2:23 AM



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**Karen Smail** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

To Rita and Famly, Our utmost and sincere heartfelt condolences and embrace of love and support in the loss of your beloved son, Tim. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and send virtual hugs. Condolences also from Donald Ott who is out of the country. Love and light. Karen and Connor Smail

July 16 at 2:20 AM



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July 16 at 2:18 AM



**David Edwards** posted:

I am alive today because of Tim. I went into cardiac arrest at coast day setup. A friend David Beebe began CPR. As he was tiring out Tim took over until Medical arrived. Shocked nine times but thanks to his and others do not give up attitude I am alive. God bless him , his family, and the Lewes Firefighters.

July 15 at 3:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McClanahan family.

July 15 at 3:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McClanahan family.

July 15 at 1:07 PM





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CB

**Cherry Barranco** posted:

Rita, and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I can't imagine what you're going through. Please know that he was loved by the community and his fire family and doing what he loved. I hope this brings you peace. Fondly, Cherry Barranco

July 15 at 9:33 AM

LF

**Love, Your Shields Family** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McClanahan family.



July 15 at 8:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McClanahan family.



July 15 at 8:12 AM

CI

**Citizen** posted:

Deepest sympathy to the family of Tim McClanahan and to all of those that knew him and worked together with him in service to the public. Rest Peacefully.

July 15 at 7:28 AM



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DE

**Dianne Evans** posted:

To Tims families, both red and blood. I just wanted to say my heart breaks with yours. I did not know Tim. But as a public servant (ret. Police Officer) he was my brother in red. Lewes DE has been my second home for the last 50 yrs. as my families vacation spot. I am moving to the area soon permanently. Lewes is a very special town and the people are amazing. What i have seen...the support, love, coming together as a community in grief and love for Tim and the FD and his family is shared by everyone. The whole state of Delaware mourns this untimely loss along with you. May we all live a little bit like Tim did. Share our time, serve others in need, be a bright light in someone elses darkness. Give the very best of ourselves. Tims legacy is now up to everyone he has touched in his amazing short life. To carry his memory close. If we do this, Tim will live on. You all have a very special guardian angel among you...how blessed you are. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of Tims FF family and his Mother, Father, Son and Daughter, Fiance', and siblings and Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends. May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace. Rest easy Tim. Gods speed.Dianne EvansMount Joy, Rapho Twp.Lancaster County PA.

July 15 at 6:50 AM

TS

**Terry And Joann Swoveland** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss Terry and Jo ann wtr

July 15 at 6:45 AM

SC

**Shirley Class** posted:

My deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Mike, Rita, and the family for your tragic loss. Tim was a special man and he will be missed by all.

July 15 at 12:25 AM

SF

**Susan Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

My heart broke when I heard of this terrible lost to our fire department. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.Tim was a great asset to Lewes and the community.Gone way to soon.Susan Fisher

July 14 at 2:26 PM





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JA

**John Atkinson** posted:

so sorry about the lost of a great man, which I have had contact with in the past, but he will be in our hearts forever

July 14 at 1:22 PM

LB

**Lori Brown** posted:

Tim was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He was always smiling and happy. I feel truly blessed to have known him. May God Bless and comfort all of those who are grieving this loss.

July 14 at 11:39 AM

WC

**With Love, Kevin & Cheryl** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McClanahan family.



July 14 at 11:37 AM

DA

**Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association** sent a Sweet Sincerity to the McClanahan family.



July 14 at 9:58 AM

UF

**Uncle Charlie, Aunt Laura And Family** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the McClanahan family.



July 14 at 8:36 AM



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EK

**Edwin Kibler** posted:

Mike and Rita please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Tim. We are very sad to hear of this tragedy. Wish we could attend the service, but health problems prevent that. Ed & Jean Kibler

July 14 at 8:13 AM

LO

**Lori** July 14 at 11:26 AM

Tim is one of the best people I have ever known. He always wore a smile and was cheerful. I feel blessed to have known him. God Bless

MI

**Mike** July 14 at 10:53 AM

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company we extend our sincere condolences to the family and to our brothers and sisters at Lewes Fire Department may god comfort all of you in this difficult time.

PL

**Patricia Lane** July 14 at 10:26 AM

To the entire McClanahan family: You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Remember the happy times and rejoice that Tim is with the Lord. Love to all, Patricia K. Lane

LD

**Lorraine Dion** posted:

My sincere condolences & heartfelt sympathy to Tim's family & his fiancé Kim.

July 14 at 7:50 AM

LR

**Laura Rust** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

I know Tim is absolutely fine where he is so I've lit this candle for my dear friend, Kim, and Tim's daughter, family and friends who are mourning the loss of a special man. Praying for peace and healing for all of you.

July 14 at 7:41 AM





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JD

**Joanne Defiore** posted:

Could not believe the TV news last night when I realized that they were talking about "our" Tim McClanahan. His smile will never wilt in my memory. I am certain that my husband Mike was one of the first to welcome him to heaven. My heart is so heavy with sorrow and compassion for all of the McClanahan family, and I know that there are countless others feeling the same way about our loss of Tim. He meant so much to so many!

July 14 at 6:53 AM

JH

**Janice And David Hall** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



July 14 at 5:48 AM

TD

**Tom Dahl** posted:

The Officers and Members of Henlopen Post 5 of the American Legion would like to express our condolences and thank Tim for his service to the community. May he rest in peace. Tom Dahl/Chaplin

July 14 at 1:45 AM

LW

**Linda Walls** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

Rest in Peace Tim! You will always be remembered by your smile, father, son, friend, and community service. A great guy with a big heart! God Bless the McClanahan family and brotherhood! Walls Family



July 13 at 2:37 PM

NR

**Naomi L Rickards** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

Tim such a brilliant young man. So much help you gave to my grandson. Helping him in the fire service. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. You have touched many peoples hearts. God Bless you. I hope Lou met you at the peril gate. Naomi L Rickards



July 13 at 2:33 PM



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**Crisis House** posted:

Thank you for your dedicated service to our community, R.I.P.

July 13 at 1:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the McClanahan family.



July 13 at 1:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the McClanahan family.



July 13 at 12:51 PM



**George Burris** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



July 13 at 11:27 AM



**Vicki And Emory Tate** sent a Rays of Light Spray to the McClanahan family.



July 13 at 9:16 AM



**Wanda Dukes** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



July 13 at 8:59 AM



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**John M. Lafferty** lit a candle in honor of Timothy.

Thank you for your dedicated service in helping our friends, neighbors and loved ones in their time of need. I'm sure that your caring reach touched many people. With my deepest sympathy and condolences for the family, friends and colleagues of Timothy. ~John M. Lafferty

July 13 at 8:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the McClanahan family.

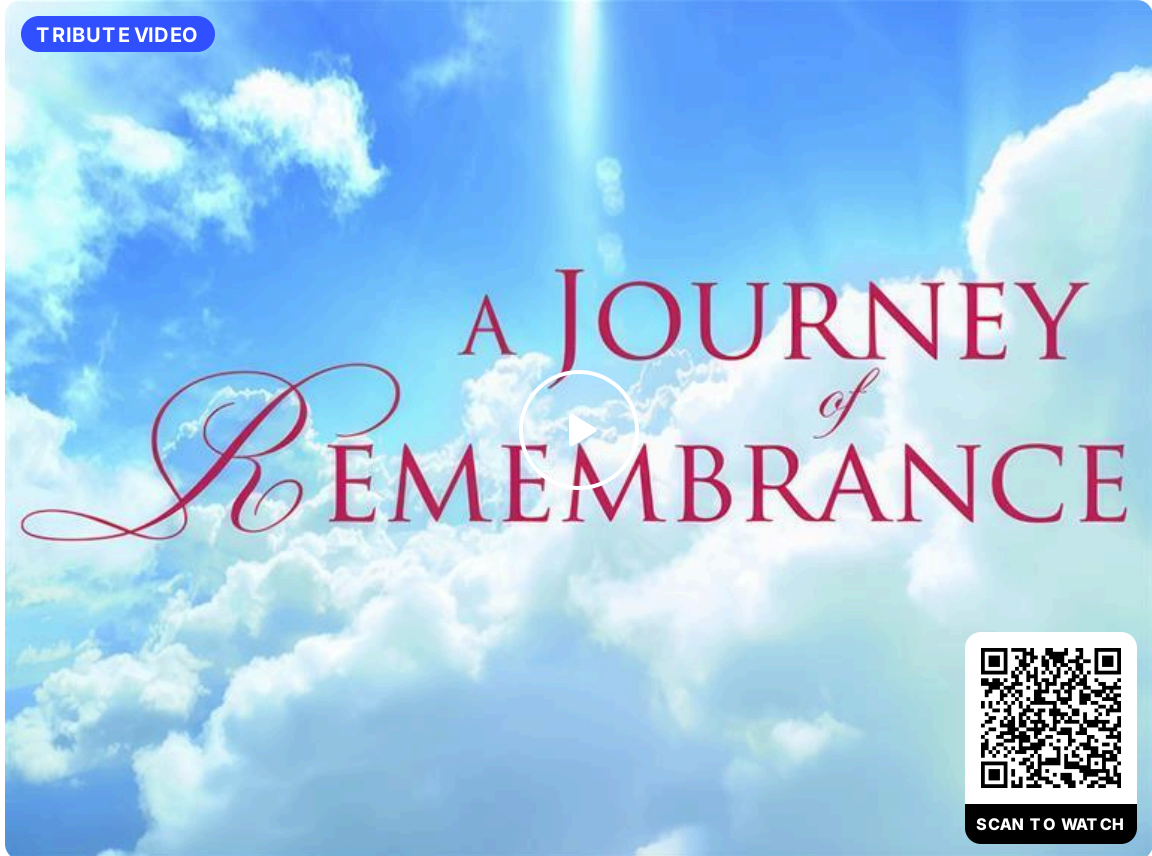
July 13 at 7:45 AM





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July 18 at 4:18 AM



**Kerry Kester** July 30 at 6:06 AM

What a beautiful tribute to a remarkable man. Tim was so kind, loving and generous with his heart. He was so quick to lend his smile and uplift those around him! In the worst of emergencies I often saw him provide comfort to victims simply by modeling calm assurance in the face of a crisis. What a huge loss for Lewes and even more so for his children. His legacy will live on, though. Kerry Kester, July 30, 2016



**Yvonne Robertson** July 22 at 12:20 PM

Just breaks my heart! Gonna miss him so very much! This video was amazing and really showed what a wonderful, loving, caring, thoughtful....I could go on and on forever about how good a man Tim was....God please help his family and all of us who loved him dearly get through this hard time. RIP Tim...you are so deeply deeply LOVED and MISSED!! Yvonne Robertson



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Timothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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