

**Trooper James H. Fulford, Jr.**  
*End of Watch: Saturday, February 1, 1992*



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**Slain FHP Trooper Honored With Highway Sign  
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[VIDEO](#) ~~ A Florida state trooper killed along Interstate 10 nearly 23 years ago is being honored.

A one mile stretch of highway near the Jefferson-Madison County line is being named after Trooper Jimmy Fulford.

Right now, a simple cross sits just off the westbound exit to I-10 at mile marker 233.

It's a reminder of what happened February 1st, 1992.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Jimmy Fulford on a routine traffic stop, was killed by a booby trapped bomb in the trunk of a car.

Now the one mile stretch of I-10 near the cross will be named the James Herbert Fulford Jr. Memorial Highway complete with large orange signs on both westbound and eastbound I-10.

"I'm here on behalf of my family to say thank you so much for honoring our daddy, my daddy," said Fulford's daughter Ashley Wood, who's currently pregnant with her father's third grandson.

Wood, who wasn't quite 9 years old at the time of her father's death, said she was overwhelmed to see so many people attend First Baptist Church in Monticello for the sign ceremony.

It's the same church Jimmy Fulford attended.

Among the people at the sign ceremony was Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs who says he'll never forget arriving at Fulford's scene or serving with him in the Florida Highway Patrol.

Nearly 23 years after Fulford's death, Hobbs was overcome with emotion as he talked about his friend.

"He's the reason I got on the highway patrol," Hobbs said. "He was a trooper's trooper, a man's man and I will always appreciate that."

Because of the timing of the ceremony, Ashley Wood's first comments weren't about her father, but about the family of recently murdered Leon County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Smith.

"While closure can't be found, we as a family can assure the Smith Family that God's grace and God's compassion can be found," Wood said.

State Senator Bill Montford and State Representative Halsey Beshears helped steer the sign dedication through the Florida legislature.