

**Trooper William H. Dyer, III**  
*End of Watch: Wednesday, December 28, 2011*



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**FHP trooper honored at National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial  
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Bill and Brenda Dyer saw their son's name on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. Their son, William "Billy" Dyer III, who died in December 2011 while serving with Florida Highway Patrol, was being honored on the memorial today.

"It's a little bittersweet," said Brenda Dyer. "It's an honor for him, to know he will be recognized. But it's emotional for us."

The Dyers, of Tallahassee, were one of many families throughout the country to come to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to see a lost loved one honored. The names of lost members of law enforcement had their names inscribed on the memorial and were honored this morning.

"It's nice to talk with the different people and find out their situation," said Brenda Dyer.

The event brought back memories for the Dyers, who lost their son after he suffered a stroke while driving his FHP cruiser on Interstate 10 in October 2011. Dyer, who was 39 at the time, had suffered from a pre-existing medical condition which caused the stroke. Dyer lost control and crashed his cruiser into the center guardrail of I-10 near the Mahan Drive exit. The crash left Billy in serious condition and he died just more than two months later.

"Red and blue lights just get me," Bill Dyer said. "They parked in my driveway for so many years."

Billy Dyer was a native of Dekalb County, Ga. and attended trooper academy in 1995. He also served in Pinellas County in addition to Leon County. Five of his FHP trooper colleagues made the trip up to our nation's capitol to honor him.

"They have been with us since the night he had his incident to today, (about) 18 months later," Bill said of the troopers. "It means that he's not likely to ever be forgotten by FHP."

The troopers will escort the family around to all of the week's events. One of them is FHP Sgt. Bob Boucher, who helped train Billy at police academy.

Boucher and Dyer's have built a relationship and rely on each other for support. Seeing Billy's name go up on the wall was emotional for the Boucher.

"Especially when you see the name on the wall for the first time," he said. "You see children looking at their father's or mother's names. It'll tear you up."

### **FHP Trooper in Oct. Crash Dies**

**Published on Saturday, December 31, 2011, on WCTV News**

The Florida Highway Patrol is mourning the loss of one of its own.

FHP says 39-year-old Trooper William Dyer suffered a stroke while driving out on patrol on I-10 causing him to crash his patrol car back in October. Dyer was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he died Wednesday.

FHP Dyer is not considered to have died in the line of duty because his death was not the result of a crime or an accidental death. A service for Dyer will be held Sunday at the Culley's MeadowWood Timberlane Rd Chaple.