

# IN MEMORY



**Bill Zimmer** (86) of San Jose passed away May 5, 2024. He is survived by his wife Janet, 4 children and their spouses, 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Bill was a graduate of Lincoln College, then farmed for 53 years and was a DeKalb seed dealer for 21 years. He dedicated over 25 years of service to the San Jose Fire Protection District as a trustee.



**Jason Lewis Dunmire** (39) of Versailles passed away July 21, 2024. He was born June 18, 1985 in Springfield and worked as a truck driver for DOT in Mt. Sterling. He attended Western Illinois University and graduated from John Wood Community College with an associate degree in fire science. He served as assistant chief of the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department.



**James David Barger** (77) of Allendale passed away July 12, 2024. Jim taught school for 33 years at Allendale High School. He was a coach for the basketball and baseball teams and a positive influence on many of his students. Jim was an accomplished author having published three biographical textbooks. He served as trustee and treasurer of the Allendale Rural Fire Protection District where he was a member for twenty-three years. James leaves behind his beloved wife of 53 years, Ruth Ernestine, three children and two grandchildren.



**Daniel J. Hermes** (68) of LaGrange Highlands, passed away peacefully at home August 29, 2024 after a long battle with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD). He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathy their two sons and grandson. Dan began his career with the Pleasantview Fire Protection District as a volunteer firefighter in 1977, Deputy Chief in 1990, Chief in 1995 until his retirement in 2011. In 1996, he was honored with the Presidential Service Award from the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts. In 2001, he was selected as the Illinois Fire Chiefs' first "Fire Chief of the Year," and in 2012.



**Arthur W. Erickson** (88) of Lake Geneva, WI, formerly Hebron, passed away June 2, 2024. He was born in Chicago, IL, married to Barbara Tabel for 55 years, she survives. Arthur served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman and worked as a tool and die maker at Gor Tool in Crystal Lake, IL for 33 years. A member of the Hebron-Alden-Greenwood Fire Dept for over 38 years, a trustee for 21 years and instrumental in formation of the Rescue Squad.



**Arthur Kenneth Ramey** (58) of Mark, IL passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2024 doing what he loved, touring the countryside on his motorcycle. Art was retired from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as a Site Tech 2 and was currently working for Granville Ready Mix as a driver and a shop mechanic. Art volunteered at the Granville Fire Department over his 36 year career training, fundraisers, emergency calls in which he was the truck Engineer and maintenance on all equipment. Art also served as a Putnam County Deputy, Granville Police Officer and Mark Police Officer.



## **IAFPD needs your Fire District to Elect Karl Langhammer (Carol Stream FPD) to the Illinois Firefighters Pension Investment Fund (IFPIF) Board**

- **The IFPIF Board is responsible for all actuarial reporting to determine our annual pension cost and the investment of our pension funds. There are 296 suburban and downstate pension funds, 109 represent fire districts. Representative fairness is what we need.**
- **While Fire Districts are not provided a seat at the table the IAFPD continues to lobby lawmakers to amend the statute that allows a permanent seat.**
- **Karl Langhammer has a 14-year history of serving the Carol Fire Protection District. He served as a paid-on-call firefighter for 7 years and has served as a trustee on the Fire and Pension for the last 14 years. He currently serves as Treasurer. These important leadership roles speak to Karl's readiness to serve the FPIF. His participation focuses on the local government mission of fiscally responsible service.**

**Watch for the ballot to arrive at the Fire District Offices as they will be mailed on October 27th**  
**The Fire District Board President casts the Vote, not the Pension Board President.**  
**Return the completed ballot by November 20th to allow time for the delayed mail service and arrival by the December 1st election deadline!**