

IN MEMORIAM

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2001, Los Angeles County lost one of its finest, Deputy Sheriff Brandan Hinkle, who died while pursuing his dream of becoming a motor officer with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Brandan Hinkle joined the Sheriff's Department on June 29, 1989. Following his academy training, he worked assignments in Custody Division, Transportation Bureau, Carson Station, and the Blue Line before transferring to Lomita Station where he worked until his end of watch.

Brandan distinguished himself at each of his assignments. In patrol, he found traffic enforcement particularly fulfilling. Brandan's philosophy was that he would rather contact someone with a citation than respond to their accident. Brandan was continually one of Region II's most productive Traffic Deputies. He was organized almost to a fault and took great pride in the quality and accuracy of his work. He always strove to be the best at everything he did.

We in law enforcement will remember Deputy Brandan Hinkle as the professional police officer he was; but more importantly, those of us who knew him will always remember Brandan for being the wonderful person he was.

Deputy Hinkle is survived by his wife of six years, Michelle.

"Brandan served the County of Los Angeles with great honor and distinction. His love for people and the Lomita Station community furthered his desire to be a motor officer. One of his greatest qualities was his ability to focus on his goals and not give up, no matter how difficult the task. His devotion to serving others inspired me and all who knew him. His leadership will be deeply missed."

- Lee Baca, Sheriff



**DEPUTY
BRANDAN
GARRETT HINKLE**

LOMITA STATION

APRIL 3, 1967 - FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Deputy Hagop "Jake" Kuredjian was shot and killed in the line of duty while assisting the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms during the service of a search warrant on Friday, August 31, 2001, in Stevenson Ranch. He was 40 years old.

Jake, a 17-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, had been assigned to the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station since 1995. Jake was an avid motorcyclist and had been assigned as a motor officer for the past six months.

In 1989, Deputy Kuredjian was awarded the Sheriff's Department's Gold Meritorious Conduct Medal by former Sheriff Sherman Block for saving the life of a woman clinging to a small tree branch atop a cliff in the City of Malibu.

Jake is survived by his mother, two brothers and his girlfriend. He will be remembered as a kind hearted, "happy-go-lucky" man who brought a smile to the face of anyone he came in contact with.

"On Friday, August 31, 2001, the sunshine seemed to dim, laughter faded away and there was a little less joy in the world because Deputy Hagop 'Jake' Kuredjian was taken from us. A deranged man wielding a rifle took his life, in a brief moment of time, leaving his family and an army of friends to mourn his loss."

"In the short time since his tragic death at 40 years old, I have been overwhelmed by the stories of how much life Jake packed into the relatively short time he was with us. If friends were counted as income, Jake was one of the richest men in the world! While we can't help but grieve his passing, I am determined to remember that million dollar smile and the fact he would give the shirt off his back to help a family member, friend or stranger. Let us remember Jake enjoying a good prank, telling a joke or riding down the road on his Harley. Please never forget that Jake willingly put his life at risk to come to the aid of residents and law enforcement personnel who were in peril. Most of all, if you have not already done so, thank God for sharing Jake with us, even if just for a little while."

- Lee Baca, Sheriff



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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY STATION

JUNE 5, 1961 - AUGUST 31, 2001

