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And I will carry this. It is the police shield of a man named George Howard, who died at the World Trade Center trying to save others. It was given to me by his mom, Arlene, as a proud memorial to her son. This is my reminder of lives that ended, and a task that does not end.

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**HEADLINE:** A NATION CHALLENGED: THE FUNERALS;  
Two Masses, the First of Many, for Fallen Police Officers

**BYLINE:** By MICHAEL COOPER

**BODY:**

As the coffin passed on a quiet Bronx street yesterday, the police officers stood at attention and saluted with white-gloved hands. One officer, his hand wrapped in a bandage instead of a glove, gingerly removed it from its sling and raised it toward his head.

The wounded and the fit were paying their last respects to Dominick Pezzulo, 36, a Port Authority police officer who died trying to save another officer after the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. A similar scene played out a half hour later on Long Island, outside a white church with a tall steeple in Hicksville, where hundreds of other officers saluted the flag-draped coffin of Officer **George Howard**, 44, of the Port Authority Police Department's emergency services unit. He, too, had been rescuing people, just as he had when the trade center was bombed in 1993.

The two funerals were the first in what is sure to be a long, sad stream of funerals for police officers who died beneath the collapsing skyscrapers. Thirty-five more Port Authority police officers who patrolled the complex and the PATH trains beneath it are still missing, along with 23 New York Police Department officers.

As moving and as full of ceremony as they were, the two funerals yesterday only underscored the way the mass killing has altered one of the city's most hallowed rites -- the police funeral.

With two funerals to attend at the same time, the Port Authority Police Department's pipe and drum corps had to be augmented by bagpipers from Bergen, Morris and Nassau Counties. The city's top officials -- normally fixtures at such funerals -- were absent, busy trying to manage the crisis. And while hundreds of police officers were there, some from as far away as Maryland, many more who were still involved in the search-and-rescue effort could not be.

Officer Pezzulo, who had been on the force for a little over a year, was assigned to the Port Authority Bus Terminal on Sept. 11 when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. He and his colleagues commandeered a city bus and raced to the scene to aid in the rescue.

Then the buildings came down.

"Dominick dug himself out of the rubble to safety," the Rev. Donald Dwyer said during the funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption, a Roman Catholic church on Mahan Avenue in the east Bronx. "But when he realized that a fellow officer was still covered with the rubble, still inside, he returned through the rubble, through the same tunnel that he helped dig, to save a comrade, to save a brother. He died trying to save the life of a fellow police officer."

The Rev. Richard Gorman, who works for Catholic Charities, was at a temporary morgue on Vesey Street on Sept. 11 when an ambulance arrived carrying Officer Pezzulo's body. "His fellow officers had wrapped his body in an American flag," Father Gorman recalled. "I said a few prayers over him."

While Officer Pezzulo's colleagues, in their dress blues, lined one side of Roberts Avenue outside the orange brick church, a group of children, in plaid skirts and regulation trousers, looked on in silence from the other side. They attend the Our Lady of the Assumption parish school with Officer Pezzulo's children, Dominick Jr., 7, and Gianna, 4.

The funeral of Officer Howard, a 16-year veteran, was held at the St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic

Church in Hicksville. He was a founding member of the Port Authority's elite emergency service unit, a volunteer firefighter in his spare time, and he trained other police departments and fire departments in fire safety and rescue work. When the World Trade Center was bombed in 1993, he helped hundreds grope their way through the darkness to safety, including 62 schoolchildren who were stuck in an elevator.

At the time he shrugged off any accolades. "Everybody just did their job," he told The New York Times that week. "That's what they pay us for."

It was Officer Howard's day off when the hijacked airplanes hit the World Trade Center towers last week, but that did not stop him from rushing to the scene. "He gave, and he gave without hesitation," said Lt. Kevin Hasset, who worked with him. "He made learning an easy, beautiful task. He was an individual ready to face danger, and he made me look good."

Officer Howard's brother, Sgt. Patrick Howard of the New York Police Department, recited a poem at the funeral. "I am sorry," he said, "I couldn't be there to save you."

<http://www.nytimes.com>

**GRAPHIC:** Photos: Policemen at the funeral of Dominick Pezzulo, a Port Authority officer killed in the World Trade Center attack, in the Bronx yesterday. (Angel Franco/The New York Times); Daughters and the widow of Fire Capt. Walter Hynes at his funeral. (Richard Lee for The New York Times)

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