

The Blue Line In The Line Of Duty

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DETECTIVE TROY L. CHESLEY, SR. NOVEMBER 29, 1972 – JANUARY 9, 2007

On Tuesday, January 9, 2007, Baltimore City lost one of its finest, and the Baltimore Police Department lost one of its most beloved, when 34 year-old Troy Lamont Chesley, Sr., a devoted father, son and public servant, made the ultimate sacrifice.

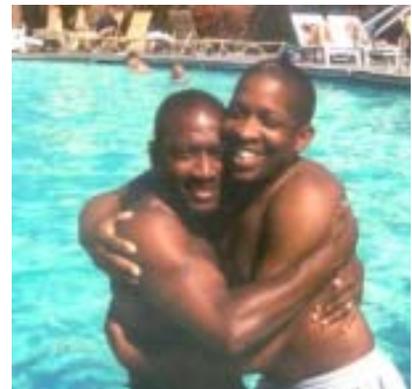
Shortly after his tour of duty ended, the 13 year veteran was going to a friend's house in the 4500 block of Fairfax Road in Northwest Baltimore City. As Detective Chesley walked towards the house, he was approached by a gunman who was trying to rob him. During the ensuing gun battle, Detective Chesley was critically injured, though before succumbing to his injuries he was able to return fire and wound his attacker, who was arrested a short time later at St Agnes Hospital.

Exactly nine years before his death, Detective Chesley received the Baltimore Police Department's Life Saving Award for fearlessly and selflessly leading several people out of a burning building. "T-Roy," as most people called him, was a talented and passionate drug cop who worked tirelessly to make Baltimore, the city of his birth, safer.

In the days following Detective Chesley's tragic death, his family members, friends, and brothers and sisters in the police department recalled his quirky sense of humor, his mild demeanor, and his willingness to do anything to help anyone whom he called a friend.

On the day of Detective Chesley's funeral, New Shiloh Baptist Church was packed to the rafters by mourners paying their final respects. During the service, Police Commissioner Leonard Hamm described Detective Chesley as a young man who had lived well and lived right in the service of others, while Sergeant Steven Ward said Detective Chesley was the ultimate team player and a partner anyone would be proud to have.

Detective Chesley was buried in the Fallen Heroes section of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium.



We will never forget!