## Detroit Officer Loren Courts End of Watch July 6, 2022



Detroit Officer Loren Courts was the epitome of what a police officer should be. He was an exceptional officer and leader, an extremely hard worker and stood out because of his maturity, his leadership and his knowledge. He had a calming influence within the precinct and on the street. He never appeared rattled or not on point. No matter what you needed, he was always there to give advice. He gave the citizens of Detroit the very best of his courage, dedication and selfless service. Courts, age 40, worked in the 2nd Precinct's special operations unit, responding to and investigating violent crimes and dangerous emergencies in the city, mainly combating organized crime and gang activity. Detroit Officer Loren Courts, the son of Larry Courts Sr., a recently retired Detroit Police Department officer, was a dedicated five-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department.

A real-life hero with a calling for protecting and serving the community he loved, responded with his partner to a call of an armed man firing an assault –style weapon. A tragic and unimaginable loss unfolded near Joy Road and Marlowe Street in Detroit, Michigan as Officer Loren Courts was fatally wounded in the line of duty and later pronounced dead at Sinai-Grace Hospital.

The completely heartbroken wife of fallen Officer Loren Courts tells local news, "We were texting and I said, 'I just worry about you.' he said, 'I'll be all right.' And I said, 'I'm always going to worry about you.' And I just never thought I would get that phone call."

Kristine Courts describes the tragic, untimely-death of her husband posting to social media, "He was so much more than a police officer. He was an amazing dad, my best friend and the man I married. All the news articles talk about is a DPD officer. He was so much more to me and the kids. Our Batman! I can't begin to imagine how we are going to live without him. My babies need him. I need him. I keep thinking I'm going to wake up from this nightmare and he's going to come home. I already miss his hugs, his voice, his jokes, and his smile with those eyes. Rest in peace daddy, we will never stop loving you."

He leaves behind his wife Kristine, a 15-year-old son Darian, 9-year-old daughter Devyn, and an extended family who deeply loved him. Courts graduated from Redford High School in 1999. In addition to being a police officer and public servant, he enjoyed playing video games, listening to hip hop, watching movies, caring for elderly people. He loved teaching life lessons to his children. He loved bringing his parents groceries on Sundays and flashing his car lights past

their home to let them know he was on the way to work. He loved talking to his four siblings every day. He was an all-around good guy.

