



## **Flint Police Captain Collin Birnie End of Watch February 4th, 2022**

Highly respected, a rock and pillar of the community, a true professional, brave U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and the ultimate friend are just a few of the many positive statements used to describe Michigan's most recent fallen officer. Our saddened hearts go out to all who are mourning the loss of Flint Police Captain Collin Birnie. Tragically, he died while on duty February 4th, 2022 when his police car was involved in a head-on collision with a wrong-way driver.

Birnie was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on May 4, 1968. On June 6, 1988, he married Tina Gott. Collin Birnie served in the United States Marines from 1988-92 during both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. He graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from Mott Community College. Captain Birnie served 26 years for the Flint Police Department. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, football, and spending time with his wife, two daughters and his grandchildren.

A Memorial service with police and military honors was held February 11, 2022. Robert J Turner Foundation President Cory Williams met with Captain Collin Birnie's widow on February 23rd, 2022. He had the honor of grieving with Tina Birnie and presenting her with a Robert J Turner Foundation donation of \$25,000 made possible by donors like you. She was also blessed by our partner Kroger with \$5000 in Kroger gift cards.

*"I want to express my biggest Thank You for the overwhelming generous gift from your foundation. Words cannot explain how grateful I am. The loss of my husband Collin B Birnie is the hardest thing I have ever been through and going through. The support and kindness of this gift is amazing. Please let everyone that made this happen know I am so very grateful. Thank You & Bless You!"*

- Tina M Birnie

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