



Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ryan Proxmire End of Watch August 15, 2021

We are grieving the loss of 39-year-old Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ryan Proxmire. During a high-speed vehicle pursuit, he was shot in the line of duty and succumbed to his injuries the following day on August 15, 2021. Other deputies returned fire and killed the suspect. In memory of Proxmire, a massive number of first responder vehicles and tow trucks lined the roadway and all turned on their emergency lights at 9 p.m. on August 15th.

Sergeant Proxmire had served with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office for nine years, where he was most recently assigned to road patrol but had also served in the Jail Division, even filling in as a temporary Sergeant as needed. Sergeant Proxmire was posthumously promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sharing his strengths and knowledge, Proxmire filled the role of a field training officer, taser instructor, and a subject control/defensive tactics instructor. This former St. Joseph County Deputy Reserve was actively involved in Scouts, 4-H, hunting, fishing, camping and especially loved being with his family. To many, Ryan Proxmire was known as a very funny guy, a very loving and caring man, and one of the good guys. He was a 1999 graduate of Three Rivers High School and a former player on their school's football team.

He is survived by his wife Roanna; children, Bowen, Anezka, Spencer and Elizabeth, and parents, Mark and Dawn Proxmire. In honor of Sergeant Ryan Proxmire, Cory Williams of Robert J. Turner Foundation met with Undersheriff James VanDyken at the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. Van Dyken accepted a \$25,000 Robert J Turner donation and \$5,000 Kroger gift card on behalf of Roanna Proxmire and family. We appreciate our donors and partner Kroger for honoring our fallen hero.

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