

Loss of a True Son of Irvington

Many of you are likely already aware of the sad news that Retired Irvington Police Detective David Walsh passed away last Friday. Although born in the Bronx, Dave spent almost his entire life here in Irvington. I was lucky enough to have known Dave since high school, being on the track team together. I was an outspoken freshman and Dave was a kind senior who always had time and a smile for a smart aleck underclassman like me. His kindness was almost palpable – it seemed to surround him, even in high school. When I heard Dave joined the IPD as a police officer, I was initially worried that he was too nice for the job. But, Dave’s genius was having the necessary police officer demeanor while still having a heart of gold underneath. In his 20 years as police officer and 51 years on Earth, Detective Walsh was able to improve countless lives and his dedication to the Irvington seniors was particularly remarkable. He simply made the Village of Irvington a better place. I am honored to have called him a friend, and I will deeply miss our conversations about Ireland, politics, our families, and of course, how to make Irvington an even more special place to call home.

My condolences and prayers go out to Dave’s wife Karina and his entire family, especially his younger brother, and my high school friend, Ken.

If you would like to join me in paying your respects to the Walsh family in person, visiting hours at Dwyer and Michael’s Funeral home in Tarrytown are on Tuesday from 4-9pm and the funeral mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Irvington at 10am on Wednesday. (Obituary) <https://www.dwyermichaelsfh.com/obituaries/David-Walsh-11/#!/Obituary>

Be well,

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