



Bill & Bonnie Daniels Firefighters Hall & Museum - Minnesota Fire Museum

Line of Duty Death Honorarium

Firefighter Orvie Mellen Solberg - Duluth Fire Department

Line of Duty Death #94 – November 19, 1945 NOT an LODD

Firefighter Orvie Mellen Solberg was born

Fatal Incident: June 4, 1945

“St. Paul Dispatch – June 4, 1945 - One fireman was killed and eight others were injured in an early morning fire shortly after 6:00 am this morning. The four-alarm fire swept through the three-story structure of the A. W. Warehouse, located at 19 E. Kellogg Blvd. The roof, third and second floors collapsed onto the group of firefighters and carried them into the first floor and basement.

Dead is Milford Holm, 35 years old, 1687 W. seventh St., a member of Engine Co. 1, ninth and main.

Injured are: Frank Jelinek, Lawrence Lundt, Albert Hartman, Earl Holton, Nick Turi, Frank Oberg, Captain Charles Rooney, and Captain M.J. Harnett. The eight men were working on the first floor of the structure, which was a railway supply firm, tending hose lines when the mishap occurred, nearly 45 minutes after the first alarm had been reported at 5:35 a.m.”

Funeral: Friday , 1945

VETERAN FIREMAN HERE DIES WHILE AT WORK

Orvie M. Solberg, 51 year old Duluth fireman, died suddenly at work at 10:44 p.m. Monday while at work at No. 4 fire station, 1402 East Second street. He resided at 335 Vernon street. Dr. John W. Ekblad, St. Louis county coroner, said death was from natural causes. A member of the fire department for 23 years, he recently had been a member of fire truck company No.4. He was a veteran of World War 1 and a member of the Firemen's Relief association. Surviving are widow, Stella; four children, and several brothers.

Duluth News Tribune 11/20/1945 **Interment: June 8, 1945**

Firefighter Holm is buried at Elmhurst Cemetery in St. Paul. Block 44, Lot 104, Grave 1

Timeline/Documents/Records/Articles

1908 – Sister Helia Birth

1910 – September 10, Birth

1913 – February 23, Brother Armin Birth

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1916 – Brother Archie Birth
1917 – April 26, Brother Gordon Birth
1919 – Brother Byron Birth
1926 – January 29, Brother Walter Birth
19XX - Marriage
1932 – March 21, Son Dean Birth
1934 – November 12, Daughter Shirley Birth
1943 – June 1, St. Paul Fire Employment
1945 – June 4, Death
1945 – June 8, Funeral and Interment
1957 – August 19, Father Death
1972 – October 26, Mother Death
1977 – April 6, Brother Walter Death
1978 – December 6, Brother Gordon Death
1994 – July 14, Brother Armin Death
1995 – July 25 – Sister Helia Death
2000 – January 1, Brother Byron Death
2002 – Aril 15, Wife Evelyn Death
2005 – August 2, Daughter Shirley Death
2008 – May 24, Son Dean Death

Chief of Department



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