

## FDNY fire marshal Steve Mosiello, who served at WTC on September 11, died after long battle with cancer

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*FDNY fire marshal Steven C. Mosiello died Friday after a long battle with cancer.*

A retired FDNY fire marshal who spent months digging at Ground Zero in a desperate search for his friends died Friday after a long battle with cancer.

Steven Mosiello, a close friend of Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, died of esophageal cancer believed to have been caused by the time he spent at the World Trade Center site. He was 58.

"That's where all his friends were, that's all he knew," said his son Steven Mosiello 2<sup>nd</sup>. "His duty was to those guys lost there."

The elder Mosiello spent years working as a senior aide to the FDNY's legendary Chief of Department Peter Ganci, and the men raced to the twin towers in the moments after the planes hit.

Ganci ordered Mosiello away from the skyscrapers just moments before the first 110-story building fell – killing the chief and scores of other firefighters.

"He spent hours and hours looking for Chief Ganci," said the younger Mosiello, 28. "He had to do it."

Mosiello, who lived in North Massapequa, L.I., retired in September 2002 after 23 years with the FDNY. He won multiple medals for bravery and lived for his job, his son said. Highly regarded within the department, he was friends with much of the FDNY's brass, including Cassano, who paid a final visit to his pal in the hospital last month, Mosiello's son said. "He was a firefighter 2-4/7."

"He was a tough guy who worked hard to support his family and he didn't deserve this," the son said of Mosiello, who leaves behind a wife and three other children.

Mosiello is the latest of dozens of firefighters who have died of presumptive 9/11-related illnesses.

A wake will be held Sunday and Monday at the Trudden Funeral Home in Farmingdale, L.I. A funeral Mass will be said the following day at 10:45 a.m. at St. Killian's Catholic Church, also in Farmingdale.

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