

Frank C. Denzinger Memorial Blood Drive Commemorates Anniversary of Officer's Death

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Floyd County Deputy Frank Denzinger was fatally shot when responding to a domestic complaint. Those who lived in the area then will not soon forget the tragic event, or the feelings and emotions that followed. 'It was such a heartbreaking tragedy, 'says sister Sara Denzinger Rowe, 'to lose such a great man who devoted his life to helping others to such senseless violence, it touched us all in very profound way and showed us how a community could come together'.

Since that terrible time, the family has come together with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive in the name of Office Denzinger, or Frankie, as he was called by those who loved him. Among those close to him, Frankie is still regarded as a hero. "As heartbreaking as it is to this day, I know my brother did a lot of good while he was alive, and its one of the reasons this blood drive is so important to us", explains Amy Denzinger Cook, also Frankie's sister. "Giving blood is an anonymous, selfless act that helps someone in need. What better thing could we do to honor my brother's memory?"

Continuing Frankie's legacy is both painful, and helpful. "Since Frankie's death we have heard so many stories, from people we never met, about how Frankie would help them. These stories made us so proud of the man who would do whatever he could to help another," recalls Patricia Denzinger, Frankie's mother. "He would not be very happy with me asking for people to give blood in his name, because he was the kind much more likely to give help, than ask. But I do believe he would be proud of what this blood drive and others like it do to help people in need."

The blood drive will take place on June 18, from 2 PM til 7 PM at Northside Christian Church in New Albany, Indiana. Please log on to redcross.org to schedule an appointment and enter sponsor code 0246432, or call the Red Cross directly at 1-800-RED-CROSS.