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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TROOPER CLAY MATTHEW CARNS **FAMILY STATEMENT**

The following statement is from the Trooper Carns Family.



The Family of Trooper Clay Carns mourn the loss of their treasured husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. We could never begin to thank law enforcement nor the thousands from our community who have reached out to us to express their love and support.

To the public, Clay became a hero on December 23, 2024, when he was killed in the line of duty. To his family, he has always been a hero.

Our world has been shattered, and we will never be the same. But we take comfort in knowing that he lived his life with such purpose, he loved his family and friends fiercely, and he took great pride in his work.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.” -Matthew 5:9

Services will all be held at Parkview Christian Church, 11100 Orland Parkway in Orland Park, Illinois. Visitation to take place Thursday January 2, 2025, from 1 to 8 p.m., with a first responder walk through at 6 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, January 3, 2025 at 10 a.m. Private Interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trooper Clay Carns Memorial fund:



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Trooper Carns is in care of Sheehy Funeral Home, 9000 151st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Obituary posted at www/sheehyfh.com.

Inquiries about the incident can be directed to the Illinois State Police at ISP.PIO.personnel@illinois.gov. The visitation and funeral are NOT open to the media. We ask that you respect the family's wishes during this difficult time. There will be media areas set up outside each location and we will provide specific location information as soon as possible.

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