



Melody “Mel” Piehl

EMT

NEMSMS

Forest City, IA

End of Service: 2/11/2023

Age: 53

Circumstances: Mental Health Complications

Mel's Contributions in Life:

Mel was a fierce advocate for surviving families and supporting anyone impacted by a LODD in EMS, fire, or air medical. Mel has worked tirelessly as a family liaison for the National EMS Memorial Service since 2014, providing grief support, contributing to children's activities, and helping guide families through the Weekend of Honor. She once stayed with Isaac for several hours after the dog tag exchange because his honoree's family was out sightseeing, unaware of the ceremony with the NEMSMBR. Isaac refused to leave his family's sign unattended until he presented them with their tags, so Mel stayed with him until they returned. Mel was an angel to everyone she met and supported, despite the loss of her husband in an air/medical crash.

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