

## In Remembrance

We would be remiss if we did not remember the wonderful residents of our community that have unfortunately passed away this year. Too many tragedies have occurred this year and our township has found itself in mourning way too often. We offer up our thanks to those we have lost and our sympathy to their families and friends left behind.

Just this week on Sunday, September 1, 2013, our beloved former Lopatcong police detective and fire department chief, Barry Stires, died in a tragic accident. As Mayor Steinhardt stated in the paper, "The word hero gets thrown around a little too loosely, but anyone willing to put his or her life at risk in any capacity certainly deserves the label. Barry did that, not only as a policeman for decades, but as a firefighter as well".

We know that the Lopatcong fire department, police department and EMS squad come to this 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration with very heavy hearts. We thank you so much for your presence in spite of your loss, and our deepest condolences go out to the friends and family of Barry Stires.