

RUEBEN PALAMARIS



JULY 28, 1944 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

It is with great sadness that the Grover Beach Fire Department shares the news of the passing of our brother Rueben Palamaris. Rueben became a member of the Grover Beach Fire Department on June 26, 1977. Over his 31 years of service with the Department, Rueben served as a firefighter, engineer, and most recently in the role of fire support personnel. He was presented with the “Clifford Clark” Award in 1996 and 1999, and honored with the “Othell Krissel” Award in 2004, and was recognized by his peers when he was nominated as “Employee of the Year” in 2002. Most recently Rueben served as the Grand Marshal in the 2007 Grover Beach Holiday Parade. During his career with the Department, Rueben was committed to the Firefighters Association’s on-going support of the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. In fact, he did not miss participating in a San Luis Obispo Burn Relay in 15 years. Rueben is survived by his wife Cathy, his three adult children Kevin, Robert, and Dianna, his grandchildren, and more family, friends, and loved ones than we can list.

Following a procession of Fire Engines, a “Celebration of Life” service will be held to honor Rueben at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at Oak Park Christian Church**, 386 North Oak Park Boulevard, Grover Beach. A reception will follow the service.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Rueben’s memory to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Donations may be made to the Burn Foundation through their website at www.aarbf.org or through the Grover Beach Firefighters’ Association. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Battalion Chief Riki Heath at 805/473-4590.