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Family Obituary for Bruce Britt

Bruce Britt, 48, of Ashland, Missouri joined his Father on Saturday, February 22, 2014 in the line of duty. Bruce served the Columbia Fire Department for nearly 24 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant.

He was born November 23, 1965 to Stormy and Wanda Britt in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and was raised in Williamsville, Illinois. Bruce started his firefighting career as a member of the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department at a young age. Bruce was a cowboy at heart, wearing boots and hat before he could walk. He enjoyed riding horses, working at the Callaway Sale Barn and raising his daughter Stormy to

be a true cowgirl.

Survivors include his wife, Leigh; daughter, Stormy Ann; two sons, Paden and Ethan; mother, Wanda (Howard) two sisters, Heidi (Ron) and Kristi (Brian); nephews, Clay, Kenyon, Avery, and Chase.

Bruce was a good man with a kind heart who would help anyone in need and he stood for the truth. He had an incredible, gentle spirit behind the rough exterior and was a fierce defender of family and friends. All kids should be lucky enough to grow up with such a man in their life, and any adult would be blessed to have such a brother or friend.

Our hearts may break; but, Bruce knew Jesus as his Savior and we can all rejoice through the tears knowing that we will see him again. Truly, Bruce led a blessed life.

Memorial services with full firefighter honors are set for 10 AM Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 at The Crossing, 3615 Southland Dr.; Columbia, MO 65201.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Edward Jones 3305 East Clark Lane, Columbia, MO 65202 "Stormy Britt Memorial Fund" in care of Edward Jones; 3305 East Clark Lane, Columbia, MO 65202, or the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Hal Bruno Camp; PO Drawer 498, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727.

Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com

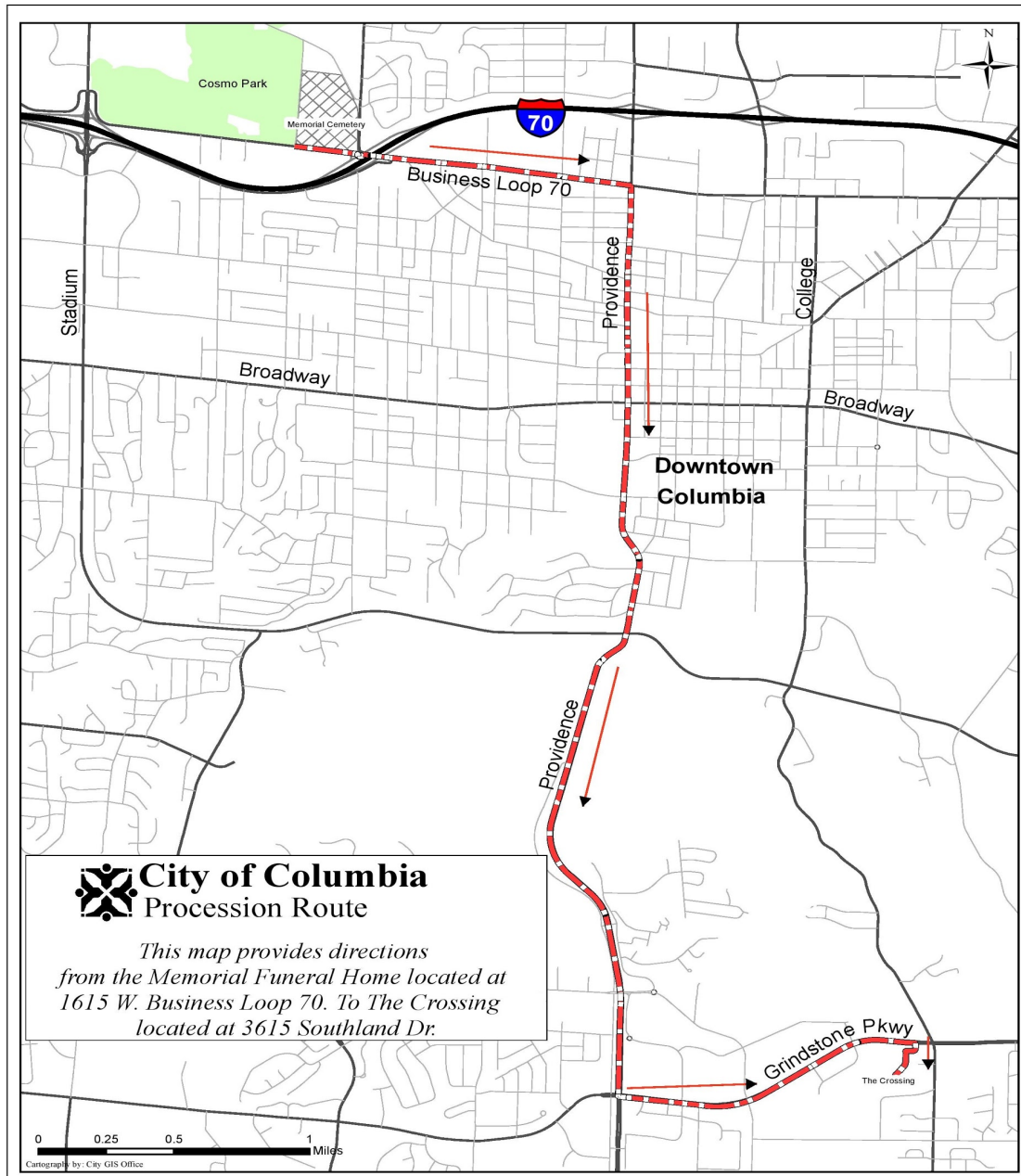
Instructions for Media - Memorial

- Parking
 - No reserved parking
 - Parking at The Crossing will be extremely limited. Attendees are strongly encouraged to carpool.
 - Parking is prohibited on Southland, Rock Quarry and Sun Court.
- Family has requested no media inside The Crossing.
 - We are working on a plan for single feeds for the following services:
 - Video
 - Still photography
 - Transcriber

Procession Information

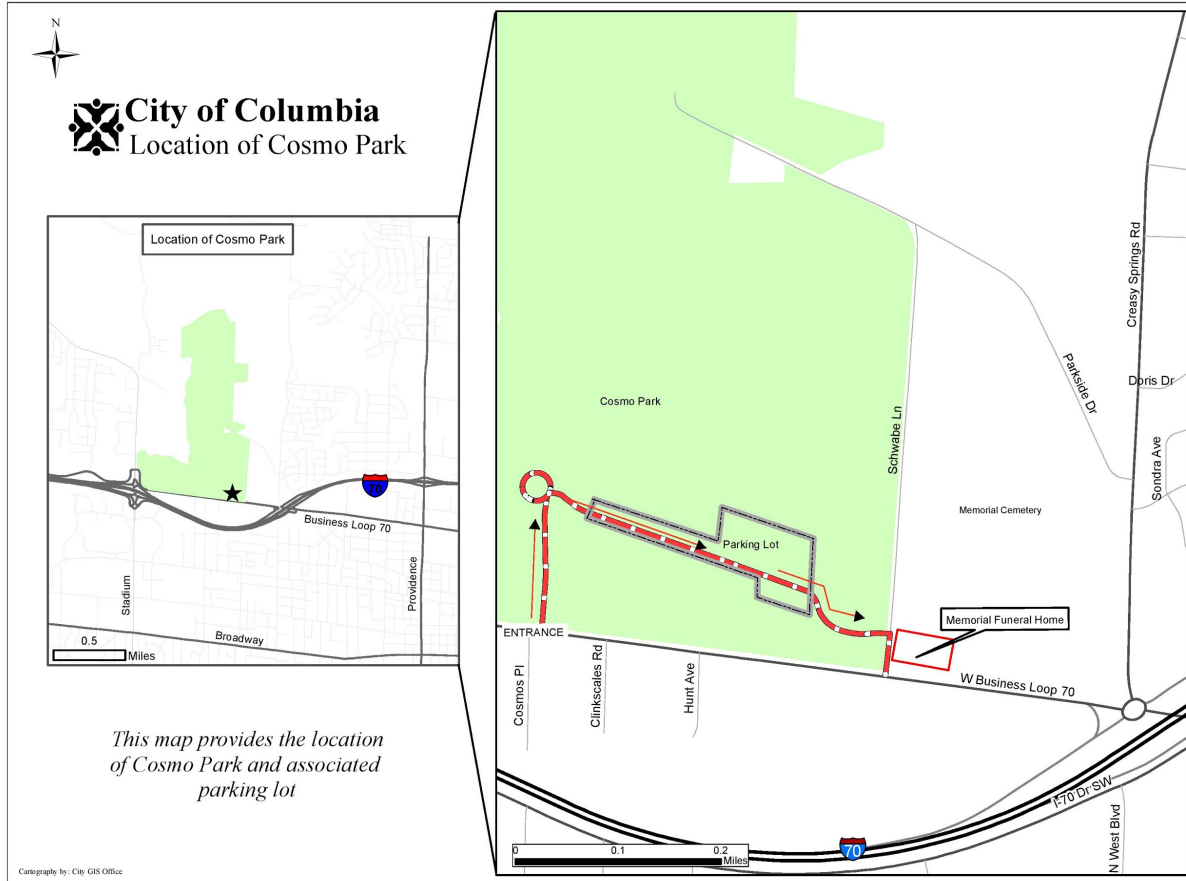
Map of procession route

- Procession will begin at 8:45 am from Memorial Funeral Home



Map of fire apparatus staging

- Press is welcome to take photographs and video at the fire apparatus staging area at Cosmo park.



Background Information on Lieutenant Britt

Department History

- Hired: 05/21/1990
- Promoted to Engineer: 10/14/1995
- Promoted to Lieutenant: 04/03/2001

Special Teams

- On the Special Operations Response Teams (HazMat and Tech Rescue)
- Shepherd for Hurst Tools and Ice Rescue Equipment
- ADJUNCT Instructor for Basic Recruit School
- Field Training Officer when new recruit assigned to shift

Awards

- Phoenix Award:
The Phoenix Medal may be given following three (3) clinical saves. A clinical save is defined as patient being found in cardiac arrest and resuscitated. Patient must survive until she/he is transported.
- Other
 - 1996 Thank you letter for dog rescue
 - 1997 Outstanding Performance recognition for work at a fire incident
 - 1997 Outstanding work at a water rescue incident
 - 2000 Thank you for work on the technical rescue trailer
 - 2005 Good job putting new Hurst Tool equipment in service
 - Thanks for helping with "Firefighter 101" Class for City Council

Guide to Paying Respect

Traffic Protocol

- Always be respectful of a funeral procession and yield.
- When traveling in the same or opposite direction of the procession on a two-way road, pull off to the right and wait until all vehicles have passed. This is not a law, but it is courteous and respectful.
- Keep your eyes open for the last vehicle in the procession before you resume the normal flow of traffic.
- If you are traveling on a multiple-lane highway, do not pass the funeral procession unless it is in the far left lane. You may then pass slowly on the right as long as it isn't dangerous.
- Never cut into, cut off or join a procession.
- Do not honk at a funeral procession.

Protocol for Bystanders Along Route

- If you are outside when a funeral procession passes by, it is polite to remove your hat and stand respectfully facing the motorcade until it passes. Cheering and clapping is inappropriate. It is best to bow your head in recognition and respect. The solemnity is a show of respect not only for the deceased, but for the surviving family's grief.

Flags at Half-Staff

- Gov. Jay Nixon has ordered that the flags of the United States and the State of Missouri at all state government buildings in Boone County be flown at half-staff on Feb. 27 in honor of Lieutenant Bruce Britt of the Columbia Fire Department.
- City Manager Mike Matthes ordered flags at municipal buildings to be flown at half-staff for thirty days in honor of Lieutenant Britt.
- Citizens and businesses wishing to lower their flags in honor of Lieutenant Britt are welcome to do so.

Other City Information

- Closed Offices
 - In support of Neighborhood Services Manager Leigh Britt, wife of Bruce Britt, the Community Development Department will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Included in this closure are the Office of Neighborhood Services, Planning, Building and Site Development and the third floor service center. All offices will reopen for regular business at 1 p.m.
- Limited Staffing
 - Staffing levels at city facilities will be minimal Thursday morning as many city employees will be in attendance at the memorial service for Columbia Fire Department Lt. Bruce Britt, who died in the line of duty Feb. 22. Citizens are asked to leave a message, and calls will be returned as soon as possible. The city appreciates the public's understanding during this time.
 - All emergency services will be running as usual.
 - Staff from other fire departments have graciously offered to man fire stations, so the men and women of the Columbia Fire Department can attend services. City personnel from other departments have also offered to help staff the offices at fire administration.