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DATE: October 10, 2018

TO: All UWUA Local Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers

FROM: D. Michael Langford, National President

In honor of the passing of brother Jim Farrington, the Utility Workers Union of America will be recognizing a moment of silence at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

On Friday, October 5, 2018, the Utility Workers Union of America lost a member in the line of duty. Jim Ferrington, a 51-year-old Journeymen Lineman with Local 347 in Traverse City, Michigan, was fatally injured when he was attempting to remove a choke chain from the back of a digger derrick when the boom of the digger derrick made contact with a 7,200-single phase primary line. Jim was an employee of Consumers Energy at the time of the accident and had been with Consumers Energy for the previous ten months. Prior to his time with Consumers Energy, Jim was a member of UWUA Local 295 with Traverse City Light and Power from 2007 to 2017. Jim began his career as a Lineman with IBEW Local 352 with Lansing Board of Water and Light in 2000.

A celebration of life will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 1pm - 5PM at

The Streeters Center
16669 S. Garfield Ave.
Traverse City, MI

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Fallen Lineman Organization.

Fallen Linemen Organization
PO Box 1453
Madisonville, LA 70447
<http://fallenlinemen.org>