

Lakeville Fire Department announces passing of former Chief Douglas Mills

The Lakeville Fire Department lost two former chiefs in one week. Just a few days ago former Chief Roger Hamilton passed away.

“For the second time in a week, the Lakeville Fire Department is saying goodbye to a former Chief.

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Chief Douglas Mills. The Chief died peacefully overnight, surrounded by his family after a long battle with an illness.

Chief “Millsy” was a frequent visitor to the station and was popular among even the youngest of department members. To say he was a character was an understatement... The Chief spoke his mind in a colorful and unfiltered way.



Lakeville Fire Department photo.

The Chief was well-known among area fire departments and was respected for his aggressive style and his wildland firefighting knowledge.

Chief Mills joined the Lakeville Fire Department in 1954, retiring in 1996. He served as Deputy Chief and then Chief from 1979 through 1996.

Lakeville Fire Chief O'Brien shares that he was lucky to have Chief Mills around. "He shared everything he could about the Town and the people with me. He loved the department and wanted to make sure we succeeded".

Chief Mills adored Deputy Chief Pam Garant; she was one of the few people in the world who could tell him what to do (and have him actually listen). The two shared a special bond during the last years of his life.

Again, we are reminded that a life lived in service to others is truly a life well lived.

Please join the Lakeville Fire Department in celebrating the life of a man who loved his community and spent his life serving Lakeville.” -Lakeville Fire Department.



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