



## PROFILE

Ted will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was a soldier of justice, a valued member of the Iowa State Patrol and a loving husband and father of four. Ted believed in his job and always went the extra mile for those he encountered.

He enjoyed spending quality time with his wife Holly and was very proud of his daughters Madilyn, Avery, Vivyan and Sylvia.

Ted was not only a valuable member of the Department of Public Safety, but a loving husband, father, son and brother. Even after Ted's death he continued his public service through being an organ and tissue donor and will continue to live on in the lives of his recipients.

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# TROOPER TED BENDA

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## EOW – 10/20/21

Trooper Ted Benda joined the DCI in 2005, assigned to the Special Enforcement Operations Bureau in Marquette. He transferred to the Iowa State Patrol in 2016, assigned to District 8 in Mason City and most recently working out of the Oelwein office in District 10. Ted was proud to be a State Trooper. He worked hard every day consistently performing his duties. Ted believed in making a difference every day and did so with not only those he met during his investigations, but also his brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement.

## PURPLE HEART NOMINATION:

Trooper Ted Benda ISP #313 was involved in a single-vehicle crash on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> while in route to assist the Clayton County Sheriff's Office with a wanted suspect. He was airlifted to the Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He succumbed to his injuries on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Day in and day out Trooper Benda served relentlessly with the belief that his job was to make people safe. He modeled a selfless work style that also mirrored his off duty character as a father and husband. His family values and his heart of gold gave Trooper Benda the ability to interact with the citizens of Iowa with integrity and compassion.

Though Trooper Benda was taken from us too soon, his memory will never be forgotten and his legacy will have a lasting effect not only on the citizens he served but with his fellow Troopers he worked alongside. Trooper Benda not only laid down his life on that fateful night, but Trooper Ted Benda days, months and years before that night made sacrifices so that his fellow man would never go without. Trooper Benda poured his Heart into all those he touched.

Trooper Ted Benda had served selflessly with the Iowa State Patrol for 16 years. He is survived by his wife and four children.