

Federal Bureau of Investigation Philadelphia Division

Special Agent Charles L. Reed *Killed in the Line of Duty, March 22, 1996*

Special Agent Charles L. Reed, known to his friends as Chuck, was born on January 31, 1951, in Des Moines, Iowa. He grew up in Burlington, Vermont and received an accounting degree from Bentley College. He was employed as a CPA prior to joining the FBI on September 9, 1979. Reed, who was assigned to the Lansdale (now Fort Washington) Resident Agency of the FBI's Philadelphia Division, spent much of his FBI career passionately working some of the Bureau's biggest drug investigations.



Special Agent Chuck Reed

On March 22, 1996, while working undercover, Reed met in his car in the parking lot of waterfront hotel with reputed Center City Philadelphia drug dealer Jonathan Cramer. A gun battle ensued inside the car, and both Cramer and SA Reed were shot and killed.

Reed was buried in his hometown of South Burlington, Vermont, following a funeral in Philadelphia that was attended by thousands.

A park in Lower Salford Township where Reed lived with his wife and three sons was dedicated in his honor to commemorate Reed's dedication to the community and to the many children he had coached.



A park was dedicated in honor of SA Reed in Lower Salford Township

Two of Reed's sons, Josh and Todd, followed in their father's footsteps and joined the FBI as Special Agents. They were among the crowd of more than 300 Philadelphia Agents and law enforcement officers who participated in the March 12, 2008, memorial march from the Philadelphia Office to Delaware Avenue parking lot where Reed was killed. At this site, a plaque, sponsored by the Hero Plaque Program, was dedicated to Special Agent Chuck Reed's service and sacrifice.



March 12, 2008, Memorial March

