

READERS' TURN

# Remembering Arizona's fallen 19

They all set out on a mission,  
to help put this raging fire out  
when out of control,  
they all were engulfed  
by flames,  
and no time to cry  
for help about.  
A terrible disaster,  
I must say,  
being a mom  
of a firefighter,  
my prayers are with their  
families  
and all of those

19 firefighters  
on this horrific day.  
They left us their spirit,  
a beautiful reflection,  
of these heroic men  
who are none  
other than perfection  
With courage and strength,  
they performed  
their duties well,  
and then came this tragedy,  
when all 19 firefighters fell.  
Their laughter that  
they shared with

their families,  
are now filled with tears,  
that will last forever,  
and linger through the years.  
A special part of their memories  
that have touched  
everyone's hearts  
and always endeavor,  
those heroic firefighters  
who will be  
remembered forever.

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POETRY CORNER

## Boston Marathon Tragedy

Our hearts were weary on this fateful day.

Our country in shock; I must say!

As I watched the race as I do every year, enjoying: when for some unknown reason, it ended with much grief and fear, innocent people everywhere, the world in disbelief.

Endless, as it may seem to you and me, we must all unite together, and not forget this tragedy.

This 8-year-old boy, so innocent and dear, as I'm writing this poem it brings down a tear.

His sister and mom, whom are in need of our prayers, and us, who remain, must never let this memory die, and cherish this family, keep our standards high.

Our policemen, firemen, medical personnel, friends, spectators, who were there to help and answer this call.

Many that they sought, and found, they did free, many that they freed was a miracle you see,

Much that I saw was a tragedy to me, so before you retire each night, say a prayer for all who are gone, and suffering. Though their bond of love seems shattered, and the ones we lost are gone, our shared grief only strengthens, as love lives on and on.

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