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the finest word
in any language.

Talbot Jennings

God Bless
You!

To the families of the fallen 19 firefighters in the Yarnell fire:

While I don't know any of you or your families personally, there is a gaping wound in the hearts of Arizonans and the rest of the world at their departure. They served without thanks or praise, doing something they loved, with buddies who shared the same passion, not expecting any difficulty in this another forest fire. Many of the homes in Yarnell were saved, one being owned by a friend of mine. With 15 minutes to evacuate, she did.

Our loss is overwhelming, when something this drastic happens so close to home, you sit up and take notice. It makes me appreciate the unsung heroes who go about their daily duties without fanfare or fear of loss of life, and come home to families who are ordinary in some ways, but special in others. They do this - most of the time - but when tragedy strikes such as this one did - no one is unaffected because we are all one. Brothers and sisters in this game of life, walking carefully on the shifting sands of circumstances, sometimes touching each other's lives and sometimes not, but you can be assured, your loved one did not die in vain. There is much healing going on and will continue to go on as a result of this. Probably conditions for firefighting will be improved, the nation sat up and took notice. Their lives are important and in my belief system, we are eternal, each being made up from "god stuff" and will return when our brief experience here is over.

If there is one thing I hope you gather from this message is - you are not alone, you are not forgotten, and when the grieving is done, you will be able to reflect on the impact our loved one had not only in the family but also in this world.

GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE .

Sarah Busby