

“THE PLAN”

A Poem by Sue Waltz

I am your....

Mother Father
 Sister Brother
 Child Partner
 Lover Friend

Today, I planned to...

Take a walk See a friend
 Tell a joke Give a smile
 Pay a bill Play a game
 Take a ride Kiss a cheek
 Hug a child

I didn't plan to...
 Die today...but I did

I planned to....

Go to work Build a bridge
 Pave a road Fix a pipe
 Teach a class Save a life
 Paint a room Write reports
 Enter data Work the line
 Wire buildings Walk the iron
 Erect the steel

I didn't plan to...
 Die today...but I did

Please think of me...
 Just once today...
 When you
 Fulfill your plans

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I didn't plan to...
 Die today BUT I DID...



Don't We Forget

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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PROGRAM

Flag Salute

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Welcome Remarks

Kevin D. Jarvis, Acting Commissioner

NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Speakers

Charles Wowkanech, President

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Richard Mendelson, Regional Administrator

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NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Presentation of Governor's Proclamation in recognition
of those who lost their lives during the course of
employment in 2025

"The Plan" / Closing Remarks

Alex Ruiz

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of New Jerseyans who lost
their lives on the job in 2025



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