

FINAL SALUTE FOR A 'BROTHER IN BLUE'



On a wintry January morning family, friends and co-workers gathered to attend the funeral of Correction Officer James Lam.

Officer Lam, who was part of DOC for nearly 34 years, last worked at the Manhattan Court Division, where he earned a reputation for his dedication to duty as he oversaw inmates awaiting their day in court. His colleagues say Officer Lam enjoyed working his regular shift and often volunteered for overtime.

He is survived by three adult sons, who gave testimony about their father's devotion to his family and his love of fishing and cooking.

First Deputy Commissioner James Dzurenda told the mourners that the DOC Officers who packed the church had come to give a final salute to their "Brother in Blue."

"I hope you will take some comfort in the knowledge that James lived a life filled with meaning and purpose. That cannot be said of everyone, even if they live to be a hundred," he said.