

# Worcester renames street in honor of police officer who drowned while trying to save child

Updated: 5:20 PM EST Jan 9, 2022

WORCESTER, Mass. —

A Worcester police officer who died while trying to save a drowning child continues to be honored by the city he served.

Skyline Drive, the road leading to Green Hill Park, has officially been renamed Officer Manny Familia Way.

Familia, 38, [drowned in June 2021](#) while trying to rescue 14-year-old Troy Love from Green Hill Pond, which is located in Green Hill Park. Love, who was visiting the city from Virginia, also drowned.

In a Facebook post, the Worcester Police Department shared photos of the new street signs and thanked City Manager Ed Augustus and the City Council for making the lasting tribute possible.

"It stands as a permanent reminder of our brother Manny's ultimate sacrifice," [reads the department's post](#). "Our brother will never be forgotten."

Skyline Drive in Worcester, Massachusetts, has officially been renamed Officer Manny Familia Way in honor of the fallen Worcester police officer.

[Familia](#) had been with the Worcester Police Department for five years after serving as an officer for two local schools, Quinsigamond Community College and Clark University, and the town of Oakham.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their two teenage children, Jayla and Jovan. His family has [established the Manny 267 Foundation](#) in his honor.

The Worcester Police Department shared that a formal dedication of the street will be held on June 4, which marks the one-year anniversary of Familia's death.