



Railroad Workers United

Unity – Solidarity – Democracy: The Rank & File in Action!

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Dear Fellow Railroad Workers:

Recently, a fellow rail -- Robert E. Luden -- lost his life on the job. Brother Robert worked for Metro-North out of New Haven, CT as a track maintainer. While we are saddened at the news of his death, we must double our resolve to build a safer workplace where such tragedies are not so commonplace.

The Railroad Workers United Program for Fallen Rails urges you to do the following on behalf of Brother Robert, his friends and family, co-workers and all railroad workers:

- Visit the webpage <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/nhregister/guestbook.aspx?n=robert-luden&pid=165063648&eid=73138374,73138374> and sign the memorial guest book. Your entry can be simple, such as: "I never knew or worked with Brother Robert, but as a railroader I mourn his loss. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, friends and co-workers"
- Commit yourself to following up on how and why Robert Luden was killed. What is the behind-the-scenes story? What role did unsafe conditions, short staffing, crew fatigue and other factors play in this fellow worker's death?
- Get involved in the national movement against blame the worker "behavior based safety" programs. Help build real union-based safety committees and programs that focus on hazard elimination and do not ignore the underlying causes of accidents, injuries and fatalities sustained on the job. For more information, see the webpage <http://railroadworkersunited.org/safety-programs/>
- Take part in the RWU annual Railroad Workers Memorial Day each Father's Day Friday in June. For more information, see the webpage <http://railroadworkersunited.org/railroad-workers-memorial-day/>
- Make a contribution to the RWU Fallen Rails Fund to assist RWU's efforts to send cards, flowers, and/or memorials in honor and remembrance of each and every railroader killed on the job. You can do this at <https://www.wepay.com/donations/rwu-program-in-honor-of-fallen-rails>

Thank you.

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