

25 Years Since 9-11



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Those of us who lived through the events of 9-11 may have trouble believing it has been 25 years. There have been numerous TV programs depicting events of that day. It brings back vivid memories.

Those of us over 40 recall it most vividly. Some of the younger ones might not have a response. Many of us cried, others prayed, and most had empathy for those involved. Did anyone we know become a victim, or presently fighting to survive? Could there be more planes to worry about? These were part of the worries of the day.

On 9-11, I was a Chicago Public School principal. It may sound strange, but I was worried about the Sears Tower being attacked. It seemed an obvious and easy target. You could see it clearly out the Eastern windows of my school. I ordered the shades pulled but allowed the teachers to keep their TVs on, hoping they would use good judgement.

I and many of the staff had children in other schools. When the calls came in, we told the parents to trust us and the children are doing okay. We also have children in other schools and we trust their staff to deal professionally.

As we remember the 25th anniversary, if you do not have family or friends involved in that event, it is less traumatic. There are many articles to involve you if you wish. Many Americans are wondering how some of our politicians are treating the situation. I will not list names, but several people who have just won the Democratic primaries in places like Michigan, and Wisconsin made it clear "the United States deserved 9-11". You can find the names easily on a web search. It is a shame that their party has had very few elected officials come out against this.

I found a great website on Wikipedia "National September 11th Memorial and Museum" with notations from the 127 articles in their research. This is where I found the material and you can too.

The Sun-Times reports individuals and organizations are asking some politicians not to attend the ceremonies because it would over-politicize the event and make them the center of attention. There will be ceremonies not only at the site of the former World Trade Center, but the monuments at The Pentagon and in the Pennsylvania field near Shanksville. These are all fine places and could be memorable trips for your family honoring the over 3,000 that were killed that day.

National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children: Saturday, Sept. 12th there will be a memorial service at St.. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin in Evergreen Park at Noon. Bishop Joseph Perry will be the homilist at the gravesite of 500 aborted children retrieved in 1987 from the dumpsters of abortion facilities in downtown Chicago. Please come and bring a lawn chair.