

*In Memoriam*

## **EDWIN L. FLEMING**



**May 5, 1969 - April 2, 2019**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Union brother, Edwin L. Fleming lost his life in a tragic rail accident at #7 Blast Furnace. The locomotive he was operating struck a rail car resulting in his loss of life. The accident is a grim reminder of the dangers we face in the steel mill every day.

We, as Union brothers and sisters share in the family's grief. Many of us worked with Ed daily. By all accounts, he was an exemplary employee. He did his job and stepped up to help others. He was friendly—always smiling. He was also a man of large stature—tall and muscular. It is difficult to imagine someone so full of life being taken from us at the age of 49. Yet he is gone.

Edwin was a man of good character. Previous military career, a husband, father, and grandfather, he built a good life working at the steel mill. His passing is a loss not only to family and friends, but also to the community. Edwin will be sorely missed, especially by his #7 Blast Furnace and Union Family.

Local 1010 is participating with management to prevent this type of tragedy. It won't bring Edwin back nor will it ease our pain. But hopefully it will spare others pain in the future. Information will be shared as soon as it becomes available, so all of us can stay safe.

As a Union, our thoughts and prayers go out to the Fleming family. We are all of one fabric, and any loss affects us all. Mourn Edwin's loss, but remember him fondly for the person he was. The world was a better place because of him. Never forget that.