



National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
Washington, DC

IN VALOR
THERE IS HOPE



MILTON OTIS LOFTIS

Deputy Sheriff

Putnam County, Tennessee,
S.D.

Deceased 9/23/1934

Line 20, Panel 21 EAST

Memorial to honor former Putnam deputy sheriff

The late Putnam County Deputy Sheriff Otis Loftis, who died on Sept. 23, 1934, from gunshot wounds inflicted in the line of duty, will have his name added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOMF) in Washington, D.C., during ceremonies held today at 8 p.m.

This is the Ninth Annual Candlelight Vigil for the NLEOMF, which was dedicated in 1991 by President George Bush and honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers.

Inscribed on the Memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of more than 13,500 officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1794. It is located at E St. NW, between 4th St. NW and 5th St. NW, in Washington, D.C.

Loftis was the father of Jack Loftis and Geraldine Denney, both of East Pointe, Mich., and Audrey Burton Wallace of Irving, Texas, and the late John Loftis, who died in 1971. His local grandchildren are Mark, Michael and Alan Loftis and Judy Flatt.

This year's NLEOMF dedication will highlight 254 new names being added to the Memorial. Following the ceremony, those names will be read as part of a special remembrance.



Loftis name added to memorial

The late Putnam County Deputy Sheriff Otis Loftis, standing at left holding his daughter, Audrey Burton Loftis Wallace, died on Sept. 23, 1934, in the line of duty and will have his name added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOMF) during ceremonies held today in Washington, D.C. With Loftis is his wife, the late Avo Jernigan Loftis, and his three other children, Geraldine Loftis Denney, Jack Loftis, and the late John Loftis.