

Just five words and two numbers

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In an extraordinary story, one 9/11 victim in the World Trade Center, Randy Scott, scribbled a note from the 84th floor, tossed it out the window. Ten years later, the note found its way to Scott's wife and children. It's a gripping story.

The Huffington Post [covers the story](#) [1] that originated in the *Stamford Advocate* :

A note, penned by Randy Scott on the 84th floor of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, has been delivered to the late broker's family more than a decade later.

It reads, simply, "84th floor, West Office, 12 people trapped," and for Randy's wife, Denise, "it just changes everything." She told the *Stamford Advocate* she and her three daughters assumed their father had died instantly. "You don't want them to suffer. They're trapped in a burning building. It's just an unspeakable horror. And then you get this 10 years later."

According to the *NY Daily News*, Denise had been informed of the note a year ago by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York's Forensic Investigations division. Someone had discovered it downtown on that fateful day and given it to a guard at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The guard went to call it in, but was distracted -- at that moment, the building collapsed.

From there, the note took a winding path to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, where it stayed put for the next ten years. The *Daily Mail* reports that Randy Scott was identified by a small patch of blood on the note. Officials tested for DNA, then called Denise with the results.

"The minute I saw it I didn't need to see the DNA test," Denise explained to the *Advocate*. "I saw the handwriting. It's Randy's handwriting."

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