

A Family Is Haunted By Last Fatal Minutes
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PLAISTOW -- No one will ever know the horror Carol Flyzik and the 91 other passengers and crew members faced when ill-fated American Airlines Flight 11 was hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center.

That's one of the most painful parts of this American tragedy for the Plaistow woman's grieving family.

"That is my biggest fear. What was she thinking?" wondered Flyzik's brother, Mark, also a Plaistow resident and a former dispatcher for the Plaistow Police Department.

His wife, Cathy, said yesterday it's difficult to imagine the horror those passengers felt after their plane left Boston's Logan International Airport and was overtaken by terrorists. "What was happening to them? They must have all been in terror," she said.

The 40-year-old Flyzik is among the growing list of New Hampshire residents who perished in Tuesday's terrorist attack.

The supervisor of marketing support for Medical Information Technology Inc. of Westwood, Mass., Flyzik was flying to Los Angeles on a business trip. She was traveling to the West Coast for a series of product demonstrations for a company that sells medical software to health-care organizations.

Flyzik's death has left family and friends stunned.

For her family, there may never be that measure of peace that comes after a funeral. "You don't have a body to bury," Cathy Flyzik said.

Mark Flyzik, now a dispatcher for AT&T Broadband, was driving to work in Manchester when a radio broadcast reported two planes had struck New York City's two World Trade Center towers. He had no idea his sister was taking a business trip, but as soon as he arrived at work he decided he should check with his sister's roommate to make sure things were fine. They weren't. He learned his sister had taken a flight, but no one was sure of the flight number.

Another sister, Claudia Flyzik of Atkinson, eventually received confirmation from American Airlines Tuesday night that Carol Flyzik was a passenger.

Waiting for word on his sister wasn't easy.

"It was horrible," recalled Mark Flyzik, who watched the television news coverage Tuesday and the painful images of the planes crashing into the towers played over and over.

Carol Flyzik, who moved to Plaistow in 1988, was remembered yesterday as a fun-

loving person who was always giving of herself. She spent much of her free time renovating her Victorian home in Plaistow. A native of Georgetown, Mass., Flyzik studied nursing in college and worked for some time as a registered nurse at Hale Hospital in Haverhill, Mass.

"She was always there if you needed help," Cathy Flyzik said. "She was just a wonderful person. It's going to leave a big void in our lives. She's going to be missed by a lot of people."

Co-workers remembered Flyzik, who joined the company in 1997, as both a dedicated professional and a caring, warm-hearted colleague. "She worked very closely with a number of people. She was always willing to help someone," said Larry Schmidt, the company's senior marketing manager.

Like her family, many of Flyzik's colleagues anxiously waited for word Tuesday on her flight status. "There was concern and some hoping for a miracle somehow. Now we're remembering her very fondly. Our hearts go out to her family and friends," Schmidt said.

While some passengers made frantic calls from their cell phones to loved ones before the crash, Flyzik didn't have a phone with her. She used to have a cell phone, her brother said, but when it malfunctioned two years ago she never bought a new one.