

# September 11, 2001

## IN MEMORIAM

THIS JOURNAL IS DEDICATED TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. WE REMEMBER, IN PARTICULAR, THE FAMILY OF BILL GAY, A VOLPE CENTER EMPLOYEE, WHO LOST HIS BROTHER PETER GAY.



### PETER A. GAY

*Peter was brother to Bill Gay,  
a Volpe employee.*

For many families, the September 11, 2001 attack on America was both a national and a personal tragedy.

Unfortunately, my family was one of those directly affected by this senseless act. My brother, Peter A. Gay, was aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the first plane to hit the World Trade Center.

Peter was born, raised, and schooled in Taunton, Massachusetts. He graduated from Northeastern University in Boston as an electrical engineer, and began working for Raytheon. He moved through the ranks, eventually becoming vice president of operations for the electronics systems unit. His colleagues there describe him as a man of energy and enthusiasm, who demonstrated dedication, generosity, and expert leadership. He connected with his employees at all levels of the organization and took joy in seeing his people succeed.

Peter is sincerely missed by his fellow employees at Raytheon, but the people who most feel his loss are his wife, his daughter, his sons, his father, and his brothers and sister. As a brother, I witnessed the energy, the colorful expressions, the passion, and the humor that Peter brought to every endeavor no matter how large or small the project. We looked to him for a solution to fix anything that was broken or not working properly, and, 99.9 percent of the time, he fixed it! We counted on him to lend a hand in all family affairs.

We all miss Peter, and he is forever in our memory.

*Bill Gay*



To commemorate the first anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Volpe Center community planted a Kouza dogwood tree on the Volpe campus. The tree is a memorial to those who lost their lives and the survivors who grieve them, and marks the continuing resolve of the Volpe Center to help provide safe and secure transportation systems. (Photo by Sian E. Steward)