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Retired FDNY firefighters James Efthimiades, Jeffrey Coniglio, Robert Bacon, Jim McGlynn and John Drumm, have lunch at O'Hara's Pub near the World Trade Center on Aug 5. On Sept. 11, 2001, after going back into the North Tower to search for Drumm, the other four firefighters became trapped in a stairwell when the tower collapsed on them. They were rescued five hours later, and discovered that Drumm had escaped the building before it collapsed.

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After many years, FDNY firefighter shares his story

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Over the years, the firefighters of Manhattan's Engine Company 39 have gotten together to share their story of surviving the collapse of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. At memorial services, for media interviews, a documentary.

Absent was John Drumm, the fellow firefighter they went back into the north tower to save that day.

Drumm didn't want to stand in the way of what he considered their story — going back in the north tower to save a brother firefighter only to have the 110-story building collapse on top of them. Had they died, Drumm isn't sure he could have coped. And there are the 343 other FDNY firefighters who died that day while he lived. Survivor's guilt.

But after 25 years, it was time. When James "Jim" McGlynn, who led the Engine 39 team on 9/11, reached out to let him know they would be getting together to take pictures at the 9/11 Memorial and talk about the day, he pulled out his dress blues with the 343 pin on the lapel and made the trip to Lower Manhattan from Pine Bush in Orange County,

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"I don't talk about it unless I'm with really dear friends. I appreciate that there are people who are willing to ask, instead of not ask, but for me to talk about it isn't easy."

John Drumm

One sibling
aided 9/11
victim; the
other lost life

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Ruth Clifford McCourt made a big impression.

"She was business-like, she was very professional," said Nancy King of Webster. "But she was bubbly. And the freckles — oh my god, the freckles."

And the red hair and the Irish brogue.

A Cork, Ireland, native, McCourt was known as Ruth Scott in the early 1970s, when her mother, Paula Scott, moved here with her family.

Ruth was beautiful, said Candy Genazzio of Victor. "She dressed wonderfully. She had very good style sense

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Candy Genazzio of Victor holds an angel figurine given to her by Ruth Clifford McCourt, who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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New York 2027
health insurance
rate increases
approved

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New York's health insurance rate increases for 2027 have been approved for health plans selling coverage through the state-run Affordable Care Act marketplace.

The state Department of Financial Services announced on Friday, Sept. 4, that the health insurance rates for

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