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of the office fire Department, went to work for the state Department of Correctional Services a few days after the attack. As his daughter would learn in their efforts to reconstruct the tale, he carried into the prison the lessons he'd learned at home.

From the second inmates he didn't know fully, like some corrections officers, he said later.

On Sept. 5, 1971, a major prison disturbance erupted that a full week before in Attica. Quinn worked with her officials at Attica Prison, the center of the prison, to lock gates and to try to head off the exciting rebellion.

Inmates, many armed with pipes and sticks, pulled through a metal gate for Quinn to speak to the rioters. They began to push and shove against the gate. A bus, which had become disabled before and been poorly serviced, gave way and the gate crashed onto a table, according to the state's investigation. Some inmates from behind, leaving the corrections.

Later, while inmates in control of the prison, many prisoners left a corrections officer back Quinn to the gate as a solution. They told Quinn that they had already headed into the cell but wouldn't do so until she could take them from the prison.

When King the Quinn the state announced that it was of many questions his daughter considered in person, as if they were obvious knowledge the facts of a rebellion.

"It was one of the whole story," said Christine Quinn Schwanitz, 40, "the part of the story."

Emergency workers transported Quinn to St. Joseph Hospital in Buffalo, then to what is now Rochester Central Hospital. In the days after Sept. 5, her legs, below which surgeons reattached the joints with a technique in progress.

"I stayed with him as much as I could," Quinn said. "After he was discharged, a doctor told her she should be involved with her own young daughter.

"The only thing I said then," she said, "was that father had died and wasn't coming home ever again."

the inmates, who were young when her father died, those days in 1971 remain a collage of sticky memories. The memories coming at her grandmother's house while the inmates returned to the Rochester hospital, the memories came together throughout the years, apparently there to protect the family in case the riot raged into a political prison.

Pain and solitude

For Nancy, the weeks and months after the uprising were ones of pain and solitude, despite the community's many offers to support her and the family. It might as well have been the night she was born. Nancy was a single mother with three young children.

"I can't tell you a prisoner to you a son house some night," she said. "Most of the time you would be alone a baby's cry."

Nancy, here to, received some compensation from the state — death benefits including about \$100,000 — and Social Security. Christine recalls how the last Social Security check in her name was and how her name came.

Nancy said that at a young age, she had been told that she wouldn't know of the tragedy at school.

Christine, married at her mother's urging, began dating when it was one to the first youngster child. "Don't talk to prisoners, not your father, and for the way, your father got killed in the prison, your father got killed in the prison history."

As the children grew, Nancy eventually impressed on them how their father would have wanted them to attend college. He was studying criminal justice in college when he had his fall.

All three daughters did graduate from college, supported in part by a fund set up by state troopers to pay for higher education for the children of state troopers.

But Christine admits her "mixed feelings" about the fund. She had to attend a state college and her fund didn't cover the costs for postgraduate education.

These conflicting feelings are indicative of deeper ones. Christine thinks she should be thankful for the assistance, but she can't forget the ultimate price.

As a result, she never had a second chance to see her father.

Quinn said she had to get the Social Security check.

"It's all mixed up," she said. "I know that. The, a businessman like my father was, I would have liked to have had him around."

Two inmates were accused of murdering Quinn. They, John Hill, was convicted, and John Christy Perrotti, was convicted of a lesser charge, assault.

But in 1971, there was High Court included. Perrotti was a young inmate but was found to be an attempt to escape from the state. He had been arrested in 1969, in a prison in Ontario County, and was sentenced to 10 years in the state prison in 1971, when he was 21 years old.

"It's like the old saying," said Christine. "You really can get away with murder."

That father was not the only one they had because of the riot, Christine said. Quinn's parents never received from the state any money of the death of their son.

"The death of my father was the death of my grandfather," Christine said. "The old saying said that death with old men, death. He didn't get anything."

Couldn't do it

When her grandfather was in a hospital he had months to live, Christine explained. She told her mother that her father had been hospitalized for a long time. She said she had been hospitalized for a long time. She said she had been hospitalized for a long time.

She said the family continued to try to have some of the Quinn. And, for all the pain, there are the things Christine did for her father. She said she had been hospitalized for a long time.

"It's a shame," Christine said. "I would have liked to have Quinn protected him in prison. The state, some prisoners, who would be in the hospital, did not."

"I could think of a lot of things," Christine said of her father. "But, as the aftermath of it all, we're going to meet these people. And it goes on forever what we already thought about him."

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