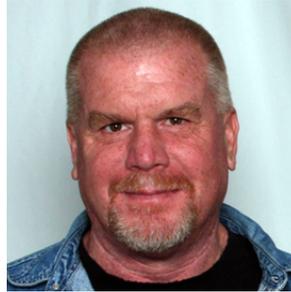


October 21, 2015



David Ball, 47
~ 8/24/1966 - 1/20/14 ~

International Nutrition Plant, Nebraska
By: Michelle Canada, Sister

My name is Michelle Canada and I am writing this in regards to the incident that occurred at the International Nutrition Plant on January 20, 2014 in Omaha, Nebraska. My brother David Ball was one of the two workers fatally injured in this incident when the building collapsed.

David worked there for 7+ years as a Maintenance worker. It breaks my heart to say today that my brother was crushed that cold day under approximately a million pounds of debris that fell onto him trapping him in the rubble of the building that he once maintained. We believe and hope that he died within seconds of the incident however my brother on January 20, 2014 when the sun went down was known to the eastern part of Nebraska as the unaccounted for International Nutrition worker they left behind in the building because the scene was considered unsafe until the following day at 4pm when the rescue team could resume their search. To us he was known as our brother, uncle and most importantly a young girl's dad who went to work and may not come home.

Federal OSHA investigated the incident and proposed a \$120,000.00 penalty for seven serious, one willful, one repeat and two other than serious violations. In an informal settlement the penalty was reduced to \$78,000.00 for four serious, two repeat and three other than serious violations.

It is very frustrating for us, his family and especially his 16 year old daughter that the company only had to pay \$78,000 dollars in fines compared to the \$120,000 originally fined. We realize a company is not cited for the value of our loved ones' however, they are cited to prevent future incidents and to protect their employees and fines should not be decreased.

The loss of my brother has not only affected me but has forever changed my dad as a parent should never have to bury a child. There is a big void in his life and his heart remains heavy now that his son is gone forever. Now instead of waiting to hear his son's voice on a daily basis he goes to his son's grave site and cries on a weekly basis. My father does not believe this is fair that his son is gone. It should not take a life to enforce safety measures, safety should be enforced at all times.





Pictures of the collapsed International Nutrition building in Omaha, NE.