Trooper's killing remembered 40 years later

James Gifford holds up newspaper coverage of his father's death. Photo/Provided

The 40th anniversary of the first Nevada Highway Patrol trooper to die in the line of duty was marked Oct. 14 by those who worked along side him.

Gary Gifford was shot and killed at approximately noon on Oct. 14, 1975.

After robbing the Round Hill branch of the First National Bank of Nevada the suspect was pulled over by Gifford just before Cave Rock. An altercation ensued and Gifford was shot. The suspect surrendered to authorities that evening.

Several patrolmen from that time gathered in Zephyr Cove on Wednesday to honor Gifford and tell stories. Also in attendance was Gifford's son, James, who was 5 at the time of his father's death.

The portion of Highway 50 from Spooner Summit to the state line is dedicated to honor Gifford.