



Mary Abraham

Mary Abraham was killed when Continental flight #3407 crashed near Buffalo on February 12, 2009. Abraham, a retired Army Reserve first sergeant, had worked at Invacare Corp., a medical-device manufacturer, for about 12 years. Co-worker and good friend Marc Schwartz remembered Abraham for her outspokenness and said that on more than one occasion, she climbed up onto a table at a business meeting to make a point more persuasively. "That was Mary. She was passionate," Schwartz told *The Buffalo News*. Most recently, Abraham was training people to use the company's products in the region stretching from Maine to New Jersey. Abraham, 44, worked from her home in West Seneca, N.Y., where she had moved to be closer to her parents, and frequently traveled for her job. She also was a greyhound rescuer and a member of a women's motorcycle club, according to Schwartz. Schwartz said he dropped her off at the airport Thursday afternoon, gave her a hug and kiss and said goodbye. He learned the awful news about Flight 3407 the next morning. "Everybody that knew her loved her. She had such a strong personality," Schwartz said.