

Ray DeVito etches the name of his late girlfriend, Debra Moruzi, at memorial on Saturday to the victims of the Flight 191 crash. Nader Issa/Sun-Times # First came the blown left engine. # Then an eerie silence as the spiraling jetliner arced back toward the ground. # Just 31 seconds after takeoff, the plane landed with a boom and a mountain of fire. # Just like that, 40 years ago Saturday, 273 lives were taken -- all 258 passengers, 13 crew members and two men on the ground -- in the deadliest air crash in U.S. history until the 9/11 terror attacks. # Devastation followed, with debris and unidentifiable human remains littering a field near the northwest corner of O'Hare International Airport, where American Airlines Flight 191 crashed May 25, 1979, just after departing for Los Angeles. # Crash of American Airlines Flight 191, May 25, 1979. Pennants on sticks mark locations of bodies among the wreckage of the DC-10 that crashed just after takeoff from O'Hare Airport. Phil Velasquez/Sun-Times # Among those killed were Stephen and Susan Lang, a married couple raising two young children in a small town called Bull Valley near northwest suburban Woodstock. # Four decades later, their children Joy