

Dear Herzberg Family,

I am so sorry for the loss of your son. It is such a shame that he was taken so soon. I lost my sister almost 6 years ago, and I can remember just wanting to forget my grief and get over it. But you never truly get over the loss of someone really special. You simply learn to accept that they are gone, and try to remember them with pride. Eric was such a kind, talented person, and although I never got to meet him, I can already remember him for the hero he was. Thank you for raising him to be so inspiring and courageous. I wish more people got to know him. I hope you remember his bravery and sacrifice, but I also hope you remember the little things. Did he like pineapple on pizza? Did he rinse his toothbrush before or after he put on the toothpaste? Did he prefer chocolate chips or chocolate chunks in cookies? All those seemingly insignificant things are what truly show who someone was. From what I have heard, Eric was polite, smart, athletic, and deserving of so much. I hope his legacy lives on for years to come, and I am so, so sorry that that his life was cut short. He made such a huge difference in such little time, so thank you for raising someone so amazing. - Catherine Conrad