

Dear Herzberg family,

As a current soccer player, a former baseball player, a video game player, and a MASSIVE fan of Irish and country music, I express my sympathy to your entire family. I can't even imagine how proud you must be of your son. He served our country, and there are few greater deeds than that. I also have some family in the military, and though I didn't know them well, I'm super proud to say that they're part of my family. I had a great uncle in the Marines who passed away a few years ago, and it's just so amazing what ~~he~~ he and your son have done for us. Similar to Eric, I have a sister who is nearly 2 years older than I, and I have 2 amazing brothers in their 20s. I love them so much, as I'm sure Eric loved his siblings. You can all be proud that you raised an amazing son that gave his all in everything he did. His story has affected my life, and I'll have you know that I don't get choked up easily.

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As I read more about Eric's ~~life~~ life, I see so many similarities between us. I too play defense in soccer, and being much larger than my teammates and opponents have earned myself multiple nicknames such as "Freight Train", and "Brick Wall".

Your son is an amazing individual who deserves to be remembered. I will strive to be like him, though I may never be as great. Rest easy knowing that he has, as was his goal, made ~~of~~ a difference, especially in me. I truly cannot express how proud you should be of your son.

Thank you for raising and putting someone like Eric into this world, we need many more like him. I hope that you all know this: your son ~~was~~ **AMAZING**. Thank you so much for everything you've done, and for teaching me about him.

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Sorry for the weird gaps in writing, I keep putting the letter down and then realizing I have so much more to say. It's hard to express the magnitude in which your son's story has touched me. After reading the document you ~~sent~~ posted, I just can't stop thinking about the similarities between your son and I. Again I can't say in words how ~~grateful~~ grateful I am for your son's ~~service~~ service in our country. I cannot wait to go home and tell my Mom all about your son. It's weird, I've never felt this way about anything before. Your son was so brave and courageous. You should be so proud of him. I cannot wait to see some of you in person on our D.C. trip, so I can try to thank you in person. Thank you so much for everything you've done, your son's story has changed my life.

From;

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