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I know there is not much one can say to comfort for the loss of a loved one, for only God in his own way can console the grieved. You may know he was one of the nation's heroes and served his country with honor.

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Sincerely -

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