

Dear Herzburg family,

The loss of anyone is painful, but your pain from the loss of Eric is just unimaginable. To give himself away to serve our country is the biggest sacrifice a person can make. How honorable & selfless he must've been to trade in his own life for countless others! He definitely shows such memorable traits that are sometimes hard to find in many others. When he joined the Marine Corps, he knew the chances & risks he had to take, he knew he had to put our life before his, he knew he might not come back home, but he still joined out of sheer goodness of his heart. He joined out of the willingness & want to help our nation & people! Because of Eric's notable sacrifice I am able to live my daily life, go to school, play sports & always know that I am safe & protected. Because of these amazing opportunities I get the joy of having, I'm always reminded of the sacrifices that were willingly made to make my life as amazing as possible. As I read this story I was absolutely stunned at how astonishing

your son was (and is). Even before him joining the Marines, I'm sure he was an astounding person. There was not one thing about him that could be changed. When he was younger he showed signs of just absolutely loving our country how it is. I know you have been through lots & I hope this letter finds you doing better than ever. Eric will always & forever be within my heart!

From the desk of,

Sophia Sowa ♡