

Dear Brent,

I wanted to hand write personal letters to each person who sent a patch, coin, or card in honor of our Everett. I realized it would take a full year and a lot of hand cramps. My fingers move faster on a keyboard. So here I sit typing out each thank you letter, because I feel this is just a small token of our gratitude for something so special. A letter filled with heartfelt gratitude and emotions I could never truly put on a piece of paper. But I have tried in the letter below.

Although we may have never met, your kindness has reached me in a deeply personal and powerful way. Thank YOU- for taking the time to send patches in honor of our son Everett. Each one may be small in our hands, but a mighty salute to his life, his spirit and now his legacy. These keepsakes are more than symbols-they are reminders that even in the profound depths of our grief, there is honor, a sense of brotherhood, and compassion that stretches far beyond what we ever imagined.

Everett passed on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2025. A date already sacred to this country, now even more so for our family. To see him remembered and honored by complete strangers, by heroes like you in uniform, by those who serve and protect- is a comfort that carries me through our hardest days. Your kindness and time/money spent sending these to us have not only honored him, but also reminded me that he mattered to the world. Even to those who never knew him personally.

Please know that your precious keepsakes, your thoughtfulness, your kindness, has found a permanent place our hearts and in the growing collection that pays tribute to our Everett. You have given us more than a physical item. You have given us a reason to live, to keep going, to keep honoring him and to keep believing in the goodness still left in this world.

From my whole heart, thank you. Your kindness and support will never be forgotten in the day, to months to years ahead. In everything we do. Not just in Everett's name, but in everything we do, for him and because of him. I could never truly repay you for what you have given us. The brightest light in our darkness, love, kindness, and honor. But most of all a sense of belonging- that Everett is never forgotten and neither are we. You mean more to us that you will ever know. Thank YOU!

With all our love, may God bless you and protect you in all you do,



Everett Brown's Mom & Dad  
Olivia and Nick