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Letters: Jared Krutke a remarkable young man

Although the story in The Sheboygan Press on March 22 about the tragic death of Navy Petty Officer Jared Krutke of Sheboygan in Guam was picked up by most of the newspapers and radio and TV stations in the state, it does not change the fact that this wonderful young man is gone.

It is completely understandable that his father wants answers in the midst of his pain, and may, in fact, be right about what happened, although the Navy's investigation continues.

But the story is not in how Jared died, but how he lived.

My wife Jackie, Jared's mother, and I had the privilege of having Jared live with us during his high school years, and as we now look back on it we consider it a very special blessing from God.

Jared was a young man with incredible energy and exuberance. He laughed a lot, smiled a ton, and inspired in people something special, because it was clear that he cared about them.

When he liked something, he became passionate about it and embraced it.

Certainly that would be true about his love for his wife, Nicole, and his daughter Elizabeth.

But it would also be true of his extended family and his friends. He was a man who was loyal.

He was a young man who kept his commitments. He made a commitment to his country and the Navy, and he kept it. He made a commitment to his wife, and he kept it. He made commitments to his family and friends, and he kept them.

Most importantly, he made a commitment to his God when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. He kept that one, too.

That is why, in the midst of the heartache and sorrow, we can be assured that we will see him again in heaven, and know that he is really joyful now.

The proof of all this is the outpouring of phone calls, e-mails, cards and letters from literally all over the world filled with stories of the wonderful impact he had on people during his short life here on earth.

There is, for example, a church in Guam in deep mourning at the loss of one who did so much for each member there.

Yes, that is the real story ... a legacy left by a young man of only 24 of loyalty, commitment and faith in the God that now holds him close, and comforts those he left behind.

Larry Walston

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He sounds like such a wonderful young man. You must be so proud of him. I hope you find the answers you need to give closure.

God bless him and his whole family.

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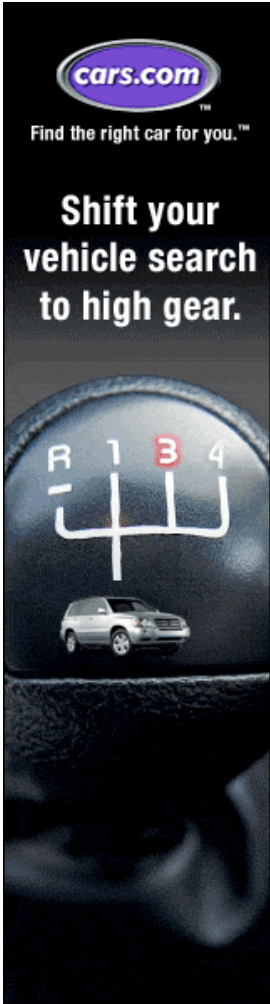
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