

President Gerald Ford's Condolence Letter to Sgt. Kenneth Nance's Parents, May 2, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nance:

I have learned with great sadness of the death of your son, Sergeant Kenneth E. Nance.

I realize that words alone are of little comfort in so great a loss. Your son will be remembered as a dedicated American who faced the dangers of his profession so that other people might have the opportunity to live in the freedom we enjoy. His dedication to freedom will inspire other men to a new appreciation of its blessings and provide a new determination to enjoy them.

Mrs. Ford and I want you to know that you and your loved ones are in our thoughts and in our hearts. We pray that the eternal respect and gratitude your son has so tragically earned will sustain and comfort you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,
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