January 39, 2013 Sharon Mattia 29449 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte Hall Maryland 20662

Dear Ms. Mattia

I would like to thank you for your letter of sympathy and support concerning the passing of my friend Tommy Roberts. While I have never met you personally during my visits there the past few years, yet I feel a great debt of gratitude for the excellent care that Tommy received from you and your associates.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home was "Hawg Heaven" to my friend Tommy these past few years. Tommy had experienced some hardships in life before coming there. He had a motorcycle accident which cost him one of his legs. He had a stroke which cost him one of his arms. He had two previous marriages that ended in divorce and a third marriage in which his wife died. He was also a veteran of the Viet Nam war. So you can see he knew something about hardships BUT------

At Charlotte Hall Veterans home, he was right at home with his veteran friends. Though confined to a wheel chair because of his disabilities, he wheeled around the halls and corridors of your magnificent facility, meeting people and making friends wherever he went. There are two things that I want to say about Tommy David Roberts. I bet he knew more residents than any other resident did and that more residents knew him than anyone else. He was very social. Though he just had one usable arm he loved to play the piano and delighted in entertaining at every opportunity. The fine food and medical care he received were first class and his caretakers were very patient even when Tommy was having a bad day. I dare say that if I had said to Tommy Roberts to list all the prerequisites for a place where he wished to live, that CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME would meet every requirement. So thank you and your associates for giving my friend, Tommy Roberts, a very rewarding and fulfilling final years of his life. For Tommy, I think I can truly say about his time with you, that he was experiencing a little bit of heaven on earth as a prelude to experiencing the heaven that God has prepared for him. May God's richest blessings be upon you and your fellow workers at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

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