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The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

## Dear President Obama

I am hoping you can put me in contact with any group or organization that can help me pay expenses to bury my husband, a military veteran. Because I lack funds to cover burial expenses my husband's body lies yet at the funeral home, 24 days after his death.

In August 2015 my husband, Philip Jefferson, of 10 years walked into the VA hospital in Las Vegas. He was having some stomach cramps and constipation. The doctors determined that he had colon cancer. Surgery was necessary. Following the emergency surgery, he was unable to walk and was sent to Boulder City, Nevada to the Nevada State Home for rehabilitation. When my husband was rushed into surgery, he signed a Power of Attorney so his daughter, who lives in Las Vegas, could take care of his business while he recovered. When I arrived in Las Vegas, we discussed the Power Of Attorney and I felt it would be better to leave it in place until we got him back to California.

He had been in Las Vegas since 2008 because we lost our home in California. We had planned to purchase a home in Nevada which would cost less. I was forced to stay in Los Angeles to continue working and for medical reasons.

I traveled from Los Angeles to Boulder City from August 2015 until November 2015. I was able to be by Philip's bedside 3 days a week, feeding him, brushing his hair and teeth and helping with the rehabilitation. In November I was hospitalized in Los Angeles and within 2 weeks, my husband's daughter had him moved to Nellis Air Force Base Hospital. It took me a week to find out where she had him moved. When I found out I immediately called Nellis Air Force Base Hospital. I talked with my husband on December 8, 2015 and my husband sounded very happy and well. I asked him how the food at the hospital was and he said "It's not like your cooking, but it will have to do". I told him that I was working on getting him back to California, he said, "GOOD ENOUGH". This was his way of saying, sounds good to me. I called him again the next morning, December 9<sup>th</sup>, only to find out that his daughter had blocked all visitation and telephone calls.

I immediately called an attorney and was told that for \$2,500.00 they would be able to get my husband back to me. A very close friend of my husband also called and was denied visitation as well as my husband's blood nephew. My husband's friend was willing to pay the money for the attorney. However we were denied any contact to see what the condition of my husband was.

My husband, Philip, and I rarely missed one day not talking for the last 10 years even when we were in different States. We had a very happy marriage, good times, hard times but never any bad times. I loved him and I know that he loved me.

On December 19, 2015 Philip passed away in the Desert Hospital in Las Vegas. I was not made aware of this until December 23, 2015 when a friend of my husband found out and called me.

My husband was loved and has three children, one son in California, one son in Kansas and his daughter in Las Vegas. His son in Kansas was not even notified until I called him and let him know. I still have not heard from his daughter who has my telephone number or his other son in California who also has my telephone number.

Now every day I hear him say. GOOD ENOUGH" and wonder what happen in the 10 days before he passed.

On December 28, 2015 I found out from my husband's friend that my husband was at the Desert Memorial Crematorium and that his daughter had planned to have him cremated. I was able to send the funeral home a copy of our marriage license and stop the cremation.

Now I am raising money to have a military burial for Philip. Philip was honorably discharged from the Air Force with honors; the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He served this country from 1949 until 1952. He loved this country.

Please help me locate the funds to have my husband buried, in Riverside, California National Cemetery.

You may contact me by email at: <u>ez2learn@yahoo.com</u>

Thank you very much for your service to this country and for the great job you are doing.

Sincerely,

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