

Katie Arman

Courage and bravery,
That's all that is needed
For the souls who have passed.

Jessica Arman

The Sandy Hook shooting was another great tragedy that happened in 2012. There were many innocent victims and many selfless heroes. One man in particular stands out to me. He looked out his window and saw a few kids in his driveway. He brought them inside, went upstairs and grabbed a handful of stuffed animals for the kids, and served them hot chocolate while calling their parents. I think this is another example that there are still good people in the world to counteract the bad. I personally want to thank this man and all the other heroes and say that what you did was just plain awesome and inspiring. Thank You!

Amy Lehigh

To those who lost loved ones on that sad day at Sandy Hook, be glad for the time you had with those who were lost. Though they are no longer able to be seen with your eyes, they may be with you in spirit, in your hearts and memories. Amy

Chelsea Ross

Dear parents, family, and friends of those whose lives were taken that day at Sandy Hook,

On December 14, 2012, the story of Sandy Hook Elementary School appeared across the news screen as I was eating dinner with my family. We all left the table, and went to hear what had happened. When I saw the looks on the frightened children's faces, I felt like bursting into tears. Who could do this to a classroom of five- and six-year-olds? Who could do something this terrible at all, actually?

I watched parents crying and holding their young kids tightly in their arms. I can't even begin to imagine how awful and traumatizing this whole event was and how awful it must be for the parents. They lost their kids just a few weeks before Christmas. They had all their gifts bought, ready to see their children's faces light up as they opened them, and now the kids are gone. It just shows how fast life can be taken from you. That is why no one should ever say they hate their lives; they should just be grateful. Some never get to experience life; others get it taken in the blink of an eye. So just remember that the next time you say you're unhappy with your life. Life is precious and can be taken at any moment.

To all the parents, family, and friends of those whose lives were taken that day at Sandy Hook, I am very sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine the pain you have gone through and continue to go through. I have kept you all in my prayers and hope that things get a lot better for you.

Sincerely, Chelsea Ross

Taylor Green

Dear, Families and friends of the children no longer with us,

I'm sorry for your loss. None of us really know why these kinds of things happen, why the world can be so cruel to those who have done nothing wrong, only enjoy life. There are reasons these things happen, but what they are only you can figure out in a way that can possibly help. I have a friend who lost her son. He was about 23, I believe. but he was still her child, someone she brought into this world and loved. I can tell it is still hard for her sometimes, and she will never be the same person she was when he was alive.

But your life is not over just because your child's is. You will still laugh and have good days. Don't waste your life because your child has finished his or her job here. I'm so very sorry if this sounds insensitive, but I have never lost a child and don't know how it feels. I have lost people who were close to me, such as grandparents. I know this is not the same thing, but ever since my grandfather passed away I continue to laugh and hang out with my friends, and he is still in my heart. I think about him all the time and know he would want me to be happy, just as your children would still want to see you smiling when they look down at you. They don't want to see Mommy and Daddy crying; they want to see you laughing and enjoying the life they didn't get to live.

Once again, I'm sorry for your loss. Remember to have some happy moments in your life. God bless.

Sincerely, Taylor Green