

(The following letter refers to the article entitled "A Tribute," on page 8 of Volume 56. No. 2, of the Spring 1991 issue of the "Quarterly." It is printed here-with in its entirety.—Ed.)

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*Dear Sgt. Hughes
Editor, RCMP "Quarterly"*

It is six years ago today that my son Robert died on duty in Powerview.

Although this was a hard thing to go through and although I have some moments of real anger about it, time has allowed me to reorient myself to life. We shall always be appreciative to our Maker for allowing us to share Rob's childhood and growing up.

It has been in my mind to make a statement to the very fine people who have attended our loss, especially those people in the RCMP. Many people came to the funeral. Others called. We received a great many cards and messages. Through the years we have attended many gatherings where homage was paid to Rob.

We especially want to thank the officers of the Winnipeg office for their kindness.

I thought that since I did not write a note of thanks to all the people who wrote to us I thought that through your magazine we could at least reach the members of the Force to tell them that we felt very humble and thankful, with a great deal of gratitude for their tremendous support in our time of need.

I can tell you that I had not really understood before the tragic event that there were so many people who really cared. You all gave us strength.

Yours truly,

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