

Susan Ruggeri



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Honorable Carolyn Nichols

I have known Gregory Spector since the day he was born. I am his maternal aunt. I have been a Licensed Practical Nurse since 1985.

If someone asked me to describe Gregory to them I would say caring, quiet and extremely loyal. The Gregory that I know can sometimes appear unemotional but in reality it is actually the exact opposite. I specifically remember a day when Gregory was still in High School. I had been speaking with my sister on the phone. Gregory and his girlfriend (now wife) had a disagreement. My sister told me he had come into her room the night before. He had been crying because he thought they might break up. He may not outwardly show emotion but he is extremely sensitive, dedicated and loyal to the people he loves.

It was no surprise to me when my sister told me that Gregory had decided to become a volunteer fireman. Helping people during difficult sometimes life altering circumstances. He was so determined to succeed in this that he worked on "climbing the truck ladder" to overcome his fear of heights. Some people would have just given up, but Gregory was determined to overcome this.

In my opinion, the closest thing to your own child is a niece or nephew. I am so proud of the man that Gregory has become. He is a caring and loving father as evidenced by the way his two daughters adore him. And one of my fondest memories was last year before the holidays. All the "girls" were together making holiday cookies. We heard the fire trucks and went outside to see Mr and Mrs. Clause on a sled that Gregory had made, being pulled by the fire truck. The look on the faces of his daughter and my other nieces was priceless. These are the things that as a young man Gregory does with his time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ruggeri".

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