

Mr. Martín Keller

Wading River, NY 11792

October 21, 2009

Mr. James MacDougall

Wading River, NY 11792

Dear Jim;

Our family would like to thank you and the SWR Community Band's tribute performed on October 12, 2009 at the SWR High School to honor a fallen soldier and our beloved son, Sgt. Jonathan Keller who passed away from wounds sustained in Afghanistan earlier this year.

The family is forever grateful to the Community band members' donation of the beautiful Kousa dogwood tree and to Ms. Joan Shamoun, member of the Community Programs dedicating this plaque to our son Sgt. Jonathan Keller.

Having a Kousa Dogwood planted, along with inscription in Sgt Jonathan Keller's honor is symbolic. As this dogwood tree continues to grow, the memory of our son will be kept alive in our hearts and the hearts of this community. Your memorial donation of the living tree and plaque also recognizes the price paid for the freedoms that we, the citizens of the United States take for granted, helping our town and community to remember the price paid for such freedoms. Jonathan's love for his country resulted in his answering the call to defend this country. He knew that to retain those freedoms demands at times, sacrifice. Our son, Jonathan was willingly to make that sacrifice.

We are forever grateful. Thank you.

Martín and Linda Keller