



*Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones
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Brook Park, Ohio
Ohio's Fallen Heroes*

On behalf of the 635,000 people of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, I extend our condolences, prayers and support to the families of the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, our Band of Brothers. As a wife who loss her husband of 27 years and loss her 83 year old mother, within 90 days of each other, I am no stranger to grief. I suggest you try something that worked for me. Close your eyes and listen to your sons, fathers, husbands, uncles, brothers and friends talking to you, they are saying:

Please celebrate my life, please have no regrets, we did not spend all the time we wanted, yet the time we had was well spent, we did not reach every rung of that ladder; yet we rung all that we could from each height.

We did not sing every song yet we sang every note of the song we sang we did not laugh all the time, but when we did we often laughed until we cried or until our stomachs hurt, and when we cried we cried until our tears ran dry.

But most of all we loved, and our love is everlasting, if you look for us listen for us, but most of all live for us.

We have fallen but you can lift us up. Your love, your faith, your support, and your pride was what we needed then, God's love, grace and mercy is what we need now.

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