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Dear Jeremy,

Your Boy Scout motto lists many character building qualities, such as trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. I have observed all of these attributes in you. Perhaps, not all at one time, but at some time or another I have observed you displaying these fine characteristics. Keep trying!

Dad and I want you to know how proud we are to see you obtain this very prestigious award, that of an Eagle Scout. We realize the many, many hours of time and effort and preparation that you have spent to finally achieve this. We know that your father has been there to help "nudge" you along and that it has been a struggle sometimes. Maybe it might not seem like it at times, but your father will always have your best interest at heart. He will always be there for you and be your best friend. We are so happy that you didn't give up somewhere along the journey, but were able to follow through until the end.

The title of "Eagle Scout" will help to open many doors for you in your future life. Whether it is writing a resume for a job, or other various things, people are impressed when you can say that you have achieved this honor. Successful men were once an Eagle Scout.

Jeremy, you have always been a very special grandson to Dad and I. Every since you were a small child, your sweet spirit and big brown eyes have captivated our hearts. We have always looked forward to and have been thrilled to be able to visit you or have you come and visit with us. We have always felt your love for us. We have seen you grow not only in stature but also in your faithfulness in the gospel. You have developed into a very personable, handsome young man. We have seen you fight to overcome the difficulties of a hearing handicap, which we know has not been easy. You have always had the spirit of forgiveness in your heart and have held no animosity to those who may have offended you. This is a very endearing trait.

We know you love the Lord and try to keep his commandments at all times. You have had some very spiritual experiences and have shared them with us. You are a "Special Child of God." Always remember to speak to the Lord and express your thanks, and speak to him concerning your own well being and the desire of your heart. He will hear and answer your prayers. Study the scriptures and develop a familiarity with them so you will be prepared when you get your mission call. The Church is something in which we can take great pride and we can find wonderful joy in sharing our testimony of the gospel with others.

Dad and I want you to know that we will always be there for you and will help you in any way that we can. We are very, very proud of you and love you very much.