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Dear Major Powell,

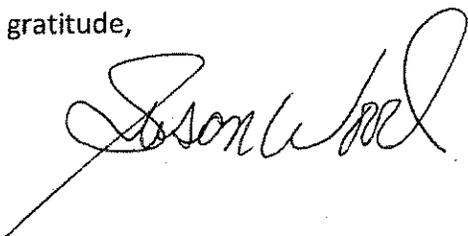
I would like to take this opportunity to extend mine and my family's gratitude to you and Troop B for the great honor you bestowed upon my Daddy, James Ray Gamble, at his funeral and graveside service. I cannot express how much we truly appreciate each of you that showed up to honor him. He would have truly loved all of the uniforms and blue lights that were there to honor him and his career as a Florida State Trooper.

Although he had been retired nearly 30 years, he never lost his love for the Florida Highway Patrol or its people. He often enjoyed retirement breakfasts and just catching up with former colleagues. He always told me that, as a young man it was his dream to be a State Trooper and that dream came true for him on December 7, 1956 when he graduated from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy. He proudly served the Highway Patrol and the citizens of Florida for the next 28 years. He always proudly wore the badge and uniform of the Florida Highway Patrol. In his later years when asked what he had done or retired from he always proudly replied "I was a State Trooper." You could always detect the pride in his voice when he answered this type of question or had an opportunity to talk about his years as a Trooper.

Once again, I am unable to adequately express the gratitude that our family has for the honor that was bestowed upon such a great man in our eyes.

I do not know all of the names or faces that were there to honor Daddy, so I am asking that you please extend our gratitude to each Trooper who took part in Daddy's service.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.