



## Spring News from the Sweet Pea Foundation!



*Who is your hero? We often take for granted the many heroes that touch our lives everyday. Lt. Col. John K. Letherman, Jr. passed away suddenly late last year—he is my oldest brother and he is my hero.*

*The men and women in the armed services make incredible sacrifices to protect our freedom. We need to honor these special people as often as we can. One way is by simply placing your hand over your heart during the national anthem—a gesture that means so much to those who have put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. Take a moment to say thank you to a soldier you see in uniform. Or, say a prayer of thanksgiving whenever we encounter these brave men and women.*

*Having served in the United States Army for over twenty-five years, Jack lived an incredible life. His job took him all over the world and he was proud of his many years as a soldier. With a quick review of his accomplishments, it is easy to see why Jack is a hero to many. But it is his dedication to friendship and his love for others that magnifies how he was truly a special person. Jack embraced friendship like no one else—constantly reaching out to those who were important to him. With Jack, a few things were certain: his faith in God, his love of country, his affection for family, and his dedication to friendship. Jack is our hero.*

*As I reflect on his remarkable life, I am reminded of other heroes that have touched us: the doctors who dedicate their lives caring for sick children; nurses who nurture and care for these young patients and their families; child life specialists who make life inside the hospital a little more bearable; and countless other people who devote their lives to children receiving medical care. Let's reach out to the heroes who have touched our lives. Take a moment to say "thank you" and let them know how much they are appreciated.*



*I think about my brother Jack every day and take comfort in knowing that he is basking in the glory of God with our little Sweet Pea.*

*With gratitude,*

*Pete and Suzanne Letherman*