

Dearest Mr. De Angelis,

We had a visit this evening from our C.A.C.O / friend. Sgt. Patrick and Captain Royer. They have been of great support to our family since the loss of our Anthony! They came to deliver a gift that touched our hearts deeply!

I can't tell you enough, how grateful we are to receive this beautiful shadowbox. It is with tears of joy, that you have honored us with such a wonderful gift! Our son never had the chance to see the ribbons he has so deserved for his dedication and sacrifice but, we know he would be so proud! He served his country with such honor and the love for us ALL was his true focus. Your thoughtfulness goes further than you could have ever imagined! It is people like yourself that make the world a better place! To this day it amazes me when I see such selfless acts of kindness!

I know that in my heart Anthony is in a place where he is truly happy. I am sure that when the day comes, he too will welcome you into the joys of heaven with open arms! He may have not had the chance to see all the kindness people have shared with us but, he will know you when he meets you one day! His family was the most important part of his life and so was his country. We will treasure your gift for days to come. Your gift will continue his legacy through our family forever! Our family thanks you so very much!!!

With our deepest honor,

The Melia Family

Mike, Vicki, Daniel, Nicole and Nicholas

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*In loving memory*

*Ltj. Anthony C. Melia*

*U.S. Marine Corp.*

*2/4, Fox Co., 3rd Pbl. 15th MEU*

*Camp Pendleton, CA*

*Aug. 29, 1986 - Jan. 27, 2007*

*Never Forgotten*

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