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Local Marine Laid To Rest In Winfield

Neighbor: If Nothing Else, We Can Show Support

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CHICAGO -- Friends and family said a final goodbye to a young Marine killed in Iraq.

Marine Lance Cpl. Nick Larson was only 19 years old when he was killed in the battle in Fallujah last week.

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NBC5's [Charlie Wojciechowski](#) reported that elementary students stood in a ring around St. John The Baptist School Thursday, each one holding an American flag. It was a sign of respect for a man they never knew but who gave the ultimate sacrifice on their behalf.

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Larson was laid to rest at the parish church in his hometown of Winfield.

He was killed as U.S. and Iraqi forces took control of Fallujah. Twenty-two American soldiers died in the attack and an unusually high number of them have ties to Illinois.

"He did what he wanted to do," said Eric Schuller, a spokesman for the Lt. Governor's Office. "He wanted to join the Marines. He had very strong ambitions for it. He

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loved his country."

Tom Bentcliff lives across the street from St. John's. He hung a flag in front of his house as the funeral took place in the nearby church.

"If nothing else, we can show some support. We don't have many other avenues to go to to do anything for everybody over there," Bentcliff said.

Larson was a graduate of Wheaton High School. His death is hard for many there to understand.

"A lot of good kids come out of this school. It's a shame somebody so young hasn't had a chance to live life," one man said.

Wojciechowski said that each soldier in a line outside the church raised his hand in salute as Larson's casket passed. His parents and sister maintained their composure and their privacy, he said, as others wept openly.

"The gates of heaven are guarded by the United States Marines," Schuller said, taking a line from a Marine Corps hymn. "Today there's one more guard at the gate, Lance Crpl. Nick Larson."

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the troops in Iraq in care of MarineMoms.us.

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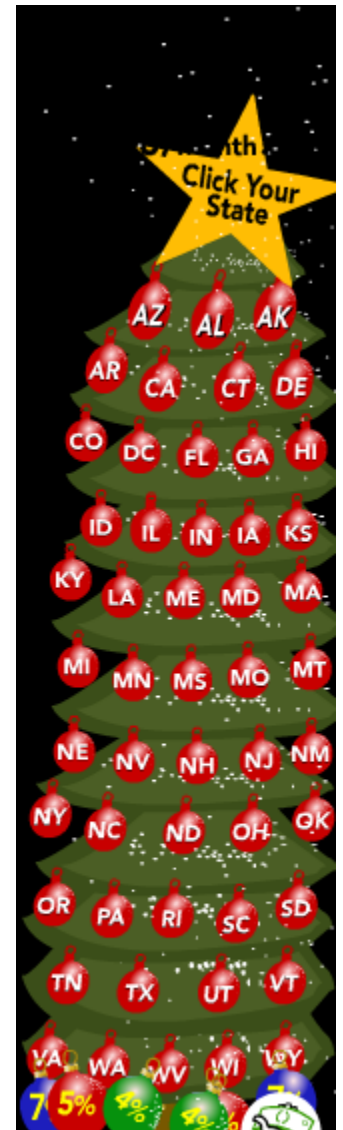
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