



# LINES FROM LINDA

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**O**ur local law enforcement officers and their K-9 units do many things to reflect great credit upon the organizations and communities they serve all throughout our nation. My own Greenville County Sheriff's Department is a shining example of this exemplary spirit. Earlier this month when tragedy struck Townville Elementary School in South Carolina our whole nation mourned. We learned that a 14 year old, after killing his father headed

toward the elementary school. There he opened fire as some students were headed out to play while others were returning from the playground to their classes.

A first grade teacher and six-year-old Jacob Hall were shot and another student was injured. The teacher is recovering. After being airlifted to the hospital, unfortunately little Jacob passed away. Jacob always dreamed of being a Super Hero. Each night before he went to bed and said his prayers.

Jacob told his parents that his alter ego, an imagined superhero he named Cat Boy, was going to save Townville while everyone else slept. He told his mother "Jesus loves everyone, even those who do bad things."

He knew all about Clark Kent, the fictional, mild-mannered reporter who could shed his glasses at a moments notice and become Superman. Jacob wore glasses himself so Clark Kent was one of his favorite ordinary guys who transformed into super heroes.

Left to right: Greenville County Sheriff's officers Patrick Donohue, Matt Anderson and Stryker, Matt Lovelace and Enzo, JD Redmond and Rusty, Brandon Surratt and Mack, Will Watkins and Oz, Al Cannon, Robert Parrish and Barrett, Jim Leathers, Doug Wannemacher and Rick and Tim Fuller and Kroc. Helicopter Pilot Dave Ruth and Chief Pilot Chris Hines.

# SUPER HEROES

## GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF





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Jacob was well versed on everything about Batman. He thought of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles as though they were his friends. One of the characters was even on hand for one of his birthday parties.

In the midst of their heartbreak Jacobs parents, along with their minister, decided to celebrate and honor Jacob with a funeral service fit for the super hero he was.

Super heroes including Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman, Captain America, and even a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle poured into the Oakdale Baptist Church as more than 1,500 mourners gathered.

John Buckland, dressed as Batman, drove all the way from West Virginia bringing his Batmobile. He even spoke to the crowd in the church. Hundreds came wearing costumes and superhero balloons were abundant.

Sgt. Patrick Donohue sent me the picture I am sharing with you of the tribute by our Greenville County Sheriff's Department. Perhaps this was one of their toughest missions. They make us proud! They are my super heroes! ■

*IN MEMORY OF JACOB HALL*

