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Mrs. Florence F. DeShazer
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Dear Mrs. DeShazer,

I am writing to express my sympathy to you for the loss of your beloved husband, Jake. What an amazing man he was — and what an incredible team the two of you were. I know that you and Jake enjoyed over sixty years of marriage and that you have many wonderful children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are mourning this loss along with you.

As you know, our mission at Seattle Pacific University is to engage the culture and change the world. You and your husband lived this mission so well — what shining examples you have been to all of us. Jake served our country with courage and honor, and then the two of you served the Lord with such passion and faithfulness for many years. Countless lives were changed because of your missions and church-planting work in Japan, and people all around the world were impacted by your amazing testimonies of God's grace and forgiveness. I am immensely proud of both of you and so thankful for the ways you allowed God to work through you over the years.

I trust that your deep faith in Christ, along with the love and support of your family and friends, will sustain and carry you through the days ahead.

May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip W. Eaton".

Philip W. Eaton
President