

9 June 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Smith
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

Words can't express the depths of desolation and despair the faculty and staff of the law school feel on learning of Leslie's tragic death. He was a joy as a student and we have followed with pride his accomplishments since he left us. His untimely death cuts short the fine promise Leslie had for a notable career in the law and in service to others.

Nothing we can say could possibly bring comfort to you at this time of overwhelming personal loss but we should all take pride in the inspiration Leslie's too short career should be to other young men who may have aspirations to a high order of achievement in their chosen careers.

Sincerely yours,

Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr.
Dean

June 16, 1971

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

Though I address this note to you personally I mean it, of course, for the entire family. I am profoundly grieved to learn of the untimely and tragic death of your son, Leslie, on June 9, 1971, and I am certain that a large circle of the Washington and Lee family share this sentiment. Leslie made a remarkable record here at the Washington and Lee Law School and he had many, many friends. I know that he was also doing well at his job in the Justice Department.

I know that his loved ones have grateful hearts and proud memories for his life and I sincerely trust that the faith which sustained him will be of some comfort to each one of you. Give Bobby Ray my regards. We hope that we will see him back on campus soon.

Sincerely,

W. C. Washburn

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