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Mrs. Arthur Smith

Manchester, Maine

Nancy and I were profoundly saddened at the news of your great loss, a beloved husband and only daughter gone with shocking suddenness. I know that mere words can do little to ease the terrible pain of bereavement you must feel at this time. But perhaps you can take some measure of comfort from the knowledge that millions of Americans -- indeed, millions of people throughout the world -- share the burden of your grief. They too will always remember and cherish Samantha -- her smile, her idealism, her unaffected sweetness of spirit. Nancy joins me in sending you our deepest sympathy. May God bless and console you.

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Margaret Twine

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