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A Lost Brother  
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I remembered the day almost like it was yesterday, the day my brother was taken away from me. He was on his way to the most amazing day of his life, the day he would finally receive his diploma from high school a day he had been waiting for, for 17 years of his life he had committed to his future, he wanted to be a medical researcher, his lifelong dream was to be the first man to find a cure for cancer so he could heal our dying grandfather of his stage 3 cancer. But in the blink of an eye his entire life and future and all the good things that he could have done, was just ripped from him. My brother was killed by a drunk driver who was also on his way to celebrate graduation, this happened 5 years ago. This had torn me and my mother and father and grandmother and grandfather apart. We barely speak because we're afraid to talk, because of his name being mentioned. My family was torn apart by the tragedy of losing my brother, and all the drivers had to say was sorry? What makes anyone think that after an innocent life is taken away by others stupidity, that a simple sorry could ever be enough. I wake up every day wishing I could turn back the clock and somehow do something to change it. All the days that I won't be able to hear his voice, all the days I won't be able to call him and ask how his degree is going is not even excusable with a simple sorry. You should have never been behind the wheel if you were that drunk, your stupidity ruined my families lives. Sometimes the pain hurts so bad I think I am going to explode, I can't stand the fact that I will never get to see my brother ever again, I will never get to tease him about his newest crush ever again, I will never get to share a laugh with him again over the good times we had, and the pain that we have to endure every day, for what? Because someone didn't think, and this message is for all of you who are ever going to think about drinking and driving when you think about the damage you could do to yourself, also keep in mind the families that you can tear apart, also about the innocent lives that you cut short with one stupid decision.