Dear Granite Mountain Hot Shot Families,

We intended to spend some time at the memorial at the station yesterday, but saw the roadblocks and did not realize we could walk in. Now back in Phoenix, I would like to add my t-shirt as a long-lasting reminder of the firefighting bond and my personal care and compassion and concern for ALL of you. This shirt is over thirty years old. It was designed by one of my partners, Ernie Benally in 1981 (I think). It was my privilege to work with many firefighters and on occassion supporting and supported by Hot Shots. I know first hand their dedication and skill. Your heroes have my utmost respect.

And to all of you, especially the mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, I understand when you say they gave 90% to their jobs and 10% to you (it was probably 110/10). But I cannot fathom your pain or concern about life going forward. Every forest fire going, every green truck that passes, every person in green pants and a yellow shirt will remind me to pray for all of you and be grateful. May God Bless All of You Today and in the Days and Years Ahead,

Kam Pebler (Sedona District '79-'82)