

Statement from the Palmer Family regarding Logan Stephen Palmer  
(Interior Communications Electrician Third Class Petty Officer, United States Navy)

On behalf of the entire Palmer family, we want to thank all those who have extended their condolences, sympathy and prayers and who have been with us since first learning that our son and brother, Logan was missing following the USS John S. McCain collision.

Logan was our youngest son and like his older brothers and younger sister, our pride and joy. He was a loving and wonderful young man, a great little brother and a cool big brother. Growing up, he was very involved in the scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and active in our church.

He loved his family dearly and was committed to making the Navy a career and was excited about the adventures the Navy would offer him. He also cared for his shipmates and we are incredibly proud of him and his service to our Navy and the country. We are heartbroken with the news and will miss him tremendously. We are so very thankful God gave us 23 amazing years with him and we will cherish those memories for the rest of our lives.

As we mourn the loss of our son and brother, we would like extend our appreciation to so many people, especially our church and the community who have been supporting us since we first learned of the accident. We are also thankful to the United States Navy for their continued support and are thinking of the brave crew of USS John S. McCain who are still dealing with a terrible situation.

We ask everyone to keep the families and friends of those affected by this terrible tragedy in your thoughts and prayers. With God's grace we will get through this.

As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for our family and we respectfully request that you honor our privacy.

Thank you,

The Palmer Family