

Jimmy Carter

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*Jim - Thank you,
and best wishes*

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Dear President Carter,

I happened to see your interview this morning on the "Today Show" and it brought to mind some fond memories. Even though I was never an active participant in your campaigns, I was a very strong supporter of your candidacy for president in 1976 and 1980. Millions were greatly saddened when you lost the election to Governor Reagan. As a result, I believe our country has suffered in many ways. However, I do believe that President Reagan was a good person.

I did not always support legislation you put forward. Actually, the "Equal Rights Amendment" is the only one I can recollect. However, you worked extremely hard in our behalf, and you are credited with making many accomplishments that furthered peace throughout the world, a great legacy.

Twenty-six years ago I told myself that if I were given the opportunity to sit and visit with anyone of my choosing, it would be you. That has never changed. You possess the personal attributes and qualities that is often absent in our leadership today, in government and throughout society. It is obvious to me that you are a kind and loving husband and father, the very greatest of all callings. And even though you don't know me, I do consider you a friend. Perhaps one day we will meet in eternity.

You mentioned on the program that you would like to be remembered as a good president, and by eleven people as a good grandfather. I have no doubt that you will. In fact, I truly believe that future historians will list you among the great presidents of our time. Your devotion and honorable service to your country during and after your term of service as our Commander-In-Chief has not gone unnoticed.

Your Friend,

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P.S. We hope you had a happy birthday