

## Cindy Karch

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**From:** Mercy Rushing  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** Cindy Karch  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from family member who received dog tags

Cindy Include this into my council briefing under City Manager.

***"STAY SAFE & MINEOLA STRONG"***

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Jayne Lankford <jaynelankford@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2020 1:23 PM  
**To:** Mercy Rushing <mrushing@mineola.com>  
**Subject:** Letter from family member who received dog tags

Mercy,  
Wanted to share with you and Dusty Cook this letter received via FB messenger from a family member who received dog tags from WW11. Dusty had asked for help locating this family through Traces of Mineola Texas History and through much research a family member was found.

Appreciate Dusty so much for caring about these dog tags and reaching out for help. So proud of our officers and this town!

Please pass this on to Chief and Dusty?

Thanks,

Jayne

8 October 2020

Hi, Captain Cook and Bob. I wanted to let you know that I received my grandfather's items last week, and I took them to show to my mother yesterday. (Due to Covid restrictions, visitors

aren't allowed inside her Assisted Living facility, but I was taking her to an appointment, so the timing worked out well.)

I explained the whole situation and then showed her the items, and she was basically awestruck. There were tears. She said she was incredibly thankful to have these family heirlooms and was surprised but pleased that people would go through so much to locate her. She also said that you both (and the person who originally bought the items and contacted Mineola PD) were clearly kind, thoughtful people. I agree, of course!

FYI, I'll make sure to keep the items safe, together with the letters and email printouts that explain how we got them. I just wish we had more Huntley descendants to show them to / share them with - but unfortunately (as you probably discovered in your online research), both of Mary's siblings are deceased, and I'm an only child.

We really can't thank you enough for your hard work and consideration in doing all of this; you did a wonderful thing, and it means a lot to us. And Captain, if you still have contact information for Kayla Adair, would you thank her for us and tell her how much we appreciate what she did?

Thank you again, and we wish you all the best.  
Kelli

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