

**THE STORY
OF A
LIFETIME**



MICHAEL GEORGE HEISER

September 20, 1960—June 25, 1996

MEMORIES SHARED

By Gary and Fran Heiser

A KEEPSAKE BOOK OF PERSONAL MEMORIES



Scrapbook

*This book is dedicated to Aunt Jean for her
Countless hours of research and patience
and to all our friends who offer
unconditional love and support*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank so many of Mike's friends for standing tall with us with full moral support and the extra strength needed to compile so many notes and memories. These young people are true friends and patriots and have helped tremendously with e-mails containing news stories about the investigation as well as inspiring life stories.

Another special thanks goes out to those new found friends who we have only 'met' via the internet. These new friends all share a bond of having been at Khobar Towers or having known someone who was. You know the deep feelings and sorrow and understand the frustrations of this tremendous loss. Special appreciation for George Beekman for pushing and helping me assemble this special tribute.

And last but certainly not least, are the wonderful people who really can say, "they know how we feel" and that is only because they are part of the *Khobar Towers Family*. Other new friends have come from various support groups. **TAPS** reached out with open arms and understanding as only a military organization could do, and **NO GREATER LOVE** has been there with annual ceremonial recognition and remembrances at Arlington National Cemetery, **THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS** knows about the loss of a child and **IN LOVING MEMORY** is special and supports bereaved parents who are Now Childless!. We all have a mutual understanding of a tragic situation that changed our lives.

Mike was blessed to have so many friends and so are we to have you staying with us. So many of you wrote notes on sympathy cards, you told of many nice things you remember about Mike and many ended with, "he was my best friend.". I understand that very well because as we grew up together he was also **my best friend!**

And lastly, I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Louis Freeh, Former Director of the FBI, for his diligent effort to find the Truth and to bring about Justice in the Khobar Towers Bombing Case without regard to the personal or political consequences. He and his team have worked countless hours without the cooperation they deserve.

Fran Heiser

Preface

This collection of photos and stories was compiled to keep the memories alive for Mike Heiser and the 18 other young airmen who suffered such untimely deaths during the unprovoked terrorist bombing attack on Khobar Towers.

The purpose of this book is to provide a brief history for people to look back and reflect upon. In this way you can remember them and to feel like you know these young men just a little bit better.

The book contains memories from childhood through a very rewarding military career. These were the good times!

After the attack. Included are several tributes, memorials and news articles, the horrendous news that shocked the nation and changed our lives forever.

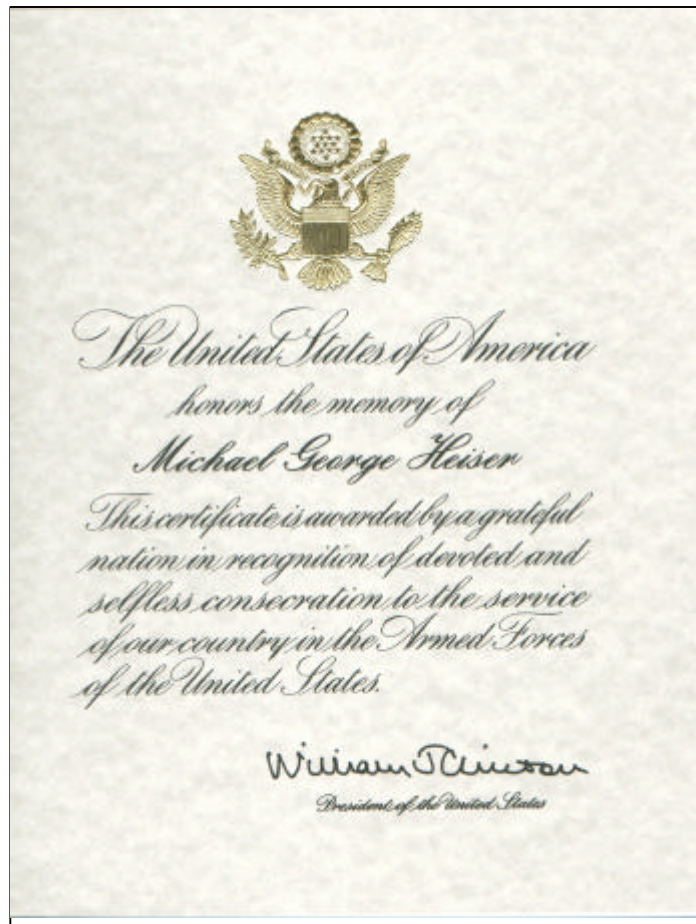
Just 2 days before the five year statute of limitations would expire, the FBI issued indictments, naming 14 individuals and strongly pointing toward the nation of Iran.

To date no one has been brought to justice!

Remembering Mike

Our baby, Our man

OUR NATIONS HERO



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