

Remembering the Life of Joseph Min Naglak

Aviation Boatswain Mate Joseph Naglak, USN, of Naval Station Norfolk and formerly of West Windsor, NJ died suddenly in the service of our country while working on the flight deck aboard the USS George H.W. Bush CVN-77 on Monday, September 17, 2018. He was 21.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Joe was adopted in February 1999 at age 20 months by West Windsor residents Kenneth M. Naglak and the late Jeanne Rand Naglak. He was a member of the 2015 graduating class at WWP - High School North and also attended Mercer County Technical School for automotive restoration. He was an active participant on the WWP North Football Team and also played basketball in the Rec League. After High School, Joe attended Monmouth University where he studied Homeland Security. In addition to his interests in sports and cars, Joe enjoyed drawing and culinary arts. He was also an active and energetic volunteer with Special Olympics.

Joe decided to enlist in the Navy in April 2017, because "He wanted to give back to a country who gave him so much" his sister Stephanie Blair Naglak said in an interview with NJ Advance Media. "He was everything that I hope to be one day and he should always be remembered as a hero with a big heart." After completing his Navy training, Joe met a young lady with whom he wanted to share his life, got engaged early in September and was working with his fiancée, Nicole Weber of Santa Barbara CA on planning their nuptials. Joe will be greatly missed, but forever remembered as one of the most loving and compassionate persons anyone could wish to have been able to call a son, grandson, brother, nephew, fiancé, and friend.

