

The following poem was written in memory of Wisconsin Army National Guard Spc. Michelle M. Witmer. Ms. Whitmer was killed April 9 2004 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was 20 years old.

Michelle Witmer

Only twenty years ago
She came onto this earth
Joined by Sis, Charity
At the time of Her birth.

Another older Sister
Two Brothers, Mom and Dad
Left behind to mourn the loss
With much Pride, within the sad.

Three women, "in country"
Doing their Duty with the Guard
But Mom and Dad, never guessed
That, it could be so hard.

Trying to help another People
In a foreign, far-off land
Fighting for, and against them
Is not exactly, what they'd planned.

Now, they want their "Babies" Home
Or at least, in some safe place
For fear of another loss
That, can never be replaced.

They have made their sacrifice
In the highest order of the day
Michelle, a Soldier who Gave All
Is the price, they had to pay.