

My Big Brother

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You held my hand when I was in the incubator,
You took care of me when I was scared,
You taught me how to be tough,
You have always been my protector.

I watched you grow up,
Your many basketball games,
Dates,
And struggles throughout high school.

I have seen it all,
The times in your life when you have been at your lowest,
And at your highest.
That one fateful crossroads we will never forget.

I will never forget the sound of those tires squealing,
The smell of alcohol on your breath,
The sirens,
Your face.

That oak tree was placed just right,
It was surprising you didn't hit it,
The impact was intense,
Driving 100mph into a house will do that.

You could have died,
You didn't know what you were doing,
But you were meant to live,
We all would have missed you more than you'd ever know.

After the accident,
You turned your life around.
You made a decision
To move forward and have never looked back.

The Air Force has been the best thing for you,
It brought you direction,
Discipline,
A family,
A life,
And confidence in yourself.

Though you are in Tucson,
And I am in Wisconsin,
There is not a day that goes by where I don't say,
I am so proud to call you my brother.