

One Marine's Journey
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Travis is coming home.
Greeting his coffin, heartsick Mom & Dad
Flag draped speedily on its way.
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The funeral is Saturday, a sun-drenched day
Copious tears flow.

People from near and far gather
Eulogies abound
Rolling Thunder stands watch over the streets.

200 car procession follows Travis to his final resting place.
Fire trucks pay tribute at every intersection,
Flags attached, ladders salute.

Governor orders the Turnpike shut down, ease the way,
Turnpike fees forgiven.

America, America, we are not dealing with numbers
As they reach into the thousands.
These are American young men and women.
Our true treasure.