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Hi, I'm Natalie Lord and this is my submission for the Kemper Memorial Park Contest in the form of a poem.

KEMPER MEMORIAL POEM- WE REMEMBER

By Natalie Lord, '25

This is why we remember-
So that the ones who sacrificed are kept in our hearts,
So that we are unblinded by the brightness of the future.
This is why we remember-
For the young children who grow up and wonder,
For the honor of people whose selflessness and integrity
Stay symbols of their legacy.

We remember,
And we ensure
That their memory is not pushed
To the back of our minds
But rather to the front of our vision.

We remember, for the memory
is strong and beautiful and true,
One that spans generations,
Constant in its strength
And its influence.

And while memories may fade
Or wear at the edges,
Our words stay behind-
Lasting through decades,
Teaching people about the honor and bravery
Of our forebears.

The heroes of yesterday
Will not be forgotten, but esteemed-
Not pushed away, but rather
Carried close in our dreams and our memory
And our hearts.

Thanks,
Natalie Lord