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Dear Anthony and Rosalyn,

I wanted to write and thank you for the absolutely incredible work that you did on my pet, Peanut the basset hound. I had seen some of your work when I brought Peanut in to you after her death, and I was truly amazed at how natural the animals appeared. And that of course to me is the really impressive thing, your creative expertise in making the animals seem as if they are just observing you and resting, and not truly having passed from this life. At that time when I brought her in I got to see a beautiful golden cocker spaniel that had just been completed and was soon to be going home. She was so life like that I felt I should offer her a dog treat. This image always made me smile as I know how happy her family must have been to have her come home, and how thrilled they must have been to see what a wonderful transformation you brought about. When I had to leave my beloved pet behind with you, I was comforted that she would be loving and caring people.

I tried to refrain from anticipating what I would feel when I saw my beloved pet for the first time when I came to pick her up. Nothing could have prepared me for the joy and happiness in seeing her and being able to touch, pet, and kiss her again. I finally felt that my heart had mended and I could move forward. I had felt so incomplete after her death, and missed her so much. Having her back home with me has finally given me a sense of peace and joy that I never anticipated. When I had decided to have her freeze dried, I thought it would be just for me, as some family members looked at me kind of funny after hearing this. But now those family members are making unannounced stops during the day to just say hi--to me I presume, but also they just want to see Peanut again. Everyone who has been here to see her have all had the same reaction

and the same words; "she looks so natural". And in that lies the beauty of your work. I so much appreciate your small touches that mean so much to me; the wrinkles of skin between her ears and eyes, and especially her little tuft of fluffy fur by her tail that we fondly called her "curly butt".

I also want to say thank you for all of your kindness and understanding in my phone calls to you. -You were always helpful and your patience was truly appreciated. Again, I can't thank you enough for the beautiful work done on Peanut. Please know that you are fondly thought of often, as without you I would not have my beautiful sweet girl back home with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen