

It won't be the same without you mom...

As she struggled desperately to breathe, I could see she was fighting to stay alive. And she was losing.

As I held her, I whispered thru my tears, "it's ok...you can go now...we love you!" A minute later she was gone. The woman who had held me and rocked me to sleep, changed my diapers and taught me the real meaning of love was gone...and a big hole was left in my heart next to the one from my dad's passing just six months earlier.

Mom had sat in shock when we had dad's memorial service, unbelieving that he was gone. Now she was gone to join him, and my sister and I were alone, with only our memories to comfort us. I sat in silence with her before leaving the room for the last time and letting her go to her final rest...hurting no more...and off to join dad. How would I survive without her love and advice and her proofreading services to make sure my spelling was, ok? An English teacher to the end...smile...and so amazed at my writing.

Lillian Marjorie Hooey – April 1st, 1917, to August 20th, 1999

I know this is a special time to remember and acknowledge our mothers. But why do we only do that on one day a year. Why do we wait until they are dying or gone to tell them how much they mean to us? I am so blessed to have had the chance to spend so much time taking care of my mom and showing her how much she meant to me. To have the opportunity to tell her again and again that I loved her.

Don't wait and don't skimp on telling and showing your special lady, just how special she is to you...tell her now and tell her often.

This will be the first year of many that mother's day has a hollow feeling and a sense of loss. But I know my mom loved me, and I know she knew I loved her and that gives me comfort.

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