

Mama

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The bond between mother and son is a special one.

It remains unchanged by time or distance.

It is the purest of love ~ unconditional and true.

It is understanding of any situation and forgiving of any mistake.

The bond between mother and son creates a support that is constant

while everything else changes.

It is a mutual friendship based on love , respect , and a genuine
liking of each other as a person .

It is Knowing that no matter where you go or who you are ,
there is someone who truly loves you and is always there
to support and console you .

When a situation seems impossible , you make it through together
by holding on to each other .

The bond between mother and son is strong enough to withstand
harsh words and hurt feelings , for it is smart enough to always
see the love beyond the words .

It is brave enough to always speak the truth , even when lies
would be easier .

It is always there ~ anytime , anywhere ~ whenever it is needed .

It is a gift held in the heart and in the soul , and it cannot
be taken away or exchanged for another .

To possess this love is a treasure that makes life more valuable . "

My mother, Sherry Mullikin, sent these words to me nearly

30 years ago, and they reflect the life-long bond between me and Mama. She's been my Cornerstone, my North Star, my confidant, my friend, my everything. We've endured so many trials and tribulations together, but she never lost hope and her faith was never shaken.

On the night of April 26, after a heroic and prolonged health battle, Mama left this world to enter eternal rest. Her legacy is one of love, forgiveness, compassion, and justice.

Words cannot express the heartache of losing her, how much I miss her, or how lost I feel without her. But as long as I live I will cherish the bond we shared and treasure her memory.