

It is with a humble and contrite heart that I stand before you this am to pay honor to a truly remarkable woman, my mother, my friend and the woman who, along with my wife, made me the person that I am today. And while I don't profess to be perfect or even close to perfect I know without her influence I wouldn't be the person that I am today. I thank her for the lessons learned as a child, for her a counsel as an adult and for the many hours of being in her presence and learning what it means to be a compassionate person and individual.

My Mother was a gentle person, not prone to arguments or violence

My Mother was a person who truly loved life and those in her life.

My Mother was a woman who when adversity struck never complained but was always willing and able to be positive and look at life for the positives.

My Mother truly loved people and in return was loved.

My Mother never turned a stranger from her door and welcomed anyone wanting into her home.

Today is a day of remembering, remembering the many meals cooked, the wounds both physical and mental that were healed, the gardens that were tilled, the weeds that were pulled, the stories that were read and the compassion and support that was always given.

I never heard my mother say that I was wrong or that I had disappointed her, she always had praise and a kind word. There was

never a sweeter or kinder woman and I was fortunate to call her Mom.

Over the past few days I have thought what Mom would say to each of you if she were here. I think that these would be some of her remarks:

❖Be good to each other, husbands be good to your wives, treat them with respect and honor them, wives, be good and honor your husbands.

❖Keep the family together, just because I am not with you physically doesn't mean that my spirit doesn't reside with you. Have family outings, remember the good times and create good times for the future.

❖Take care of each other, if a family member is in need help them,

❖Be good to your children, they are my grandchildren and great grandchildren, honor them and love them as I would.

Dad--- Mom truly loved you and was your wife for 56 years, there is no doubt that she is here with us today, I feel her spirit and love and know that she's sitting next to you. Not thinking of her self but of you and her love for you.

Renee--Marty- trey Kirby and Tyler--- your love for Mom and the care that you gave her in her final days is heroic. She loved each of you very much and I know that her last days were special due to all of your care and understanding.

Dale, Dennis, Dean and Doug: Mom loves each of you, I know that each of you know that and that you've also felt her love and spirit.

The Bible tells us that when we die we're changed in the twinkling of any eye and that we sit in the presence of our Heavenly Father and our Brother Jesus Christ. I have no doubt and truly believe that Mom is with our Heavenly Father and that the terrible decease that stole her most precious memories has been healed and removed from her mind and body. Mom is whole, she now remembers all the good things in her life and her love for each of us is even stronger. I also have no doubt that one of her first reunions in Heaven was with Janice Kay. A Janice Kay who could walk, talk, and one who was completely healed

of her infirmities.

Mom's perfect soul has left her imperfect mortal body and she has gone on to her true eternal lasting reward. She is truly in a better place.

We all now have a responsibility to keep her memory alive. We must write her stories and pass them along to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have hundreds of pictures and each picture has a story and memory that we must perseve. As a legacy to our Mother let's ensure that we never forget and that as a family we honor her by staying together and lvoing each other.

Mom, I love you so much. I feel your spirit and know that you are with us. Until we meet agan, and we will, remember that you made this world a better place through your love and compassion. Thank you,