

Today is Mother's Day

Let's Recall Why They Are So Special

1. If it weren't for your mom, you wouldn't be breathing right now. If nothing else, you should thank her for that.
2. Mothers are the emotional backbones of the family. They provide the holding place for everyone's feelings and do their best to keep us from being hurt.
3. Who would have kissed your boo-boos to make it all be better if she weren't around? Mothers have the magic touch (and kiss) to help us heal our wounds, physical and emotional.
4. Truly, our mothers worked hard and made sacrifices, so our lives would be better. There are not a lot of people willing to do that, so let her know you appreciate it by remembering her today.
5. Mothers were and are forgiving, but if there were slights, practice forgiveness.

More Reasons Why Mothers are Special...

6. When you want to climb the tallest mountain, your mother will make your lunch for you. Often, she was the one who supported your dreams when no one else did.
7. Her boundaries made you a better person. You may not have liked some of her decisions, especially when you wanted to party out late with your friends, but she did keep you out of trouble. Look how some friends turned out without a mom who cared as much as yours.
8. A mother's ears and eyes hear and see everything. They also have a computer-like memory for all the good (and some of the bad) that came your way. It's nice to have someone with whom you can reminisce about your whole life.
9. Mom taught you to be a functioning adult. That was her job, and without that, making it through the modern world would be very hard. Your mom may have forced you to do your homework, but now you see how important it was.
10. So let's celebrate now some of our remarkable mothers (and grandmothers).

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Susan Griffith's mother



Veulette Thomas loved to fish, play golf and bridge, cook, entertain, shop and socialize. This “sports model” was a wonderful role model!

Ford Griffith's mother



Mary Griffith (green dress), pictured with her wonderful sister, Helen. Two Southern ladies who were special to many people and to our family.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Jan Etheridge's mother and grandmother



Velma Armistead. Shown at age 104, holding my beloved granddaughter, Madison at 3 months then, 17 now. My grandmother was my confidant and faith influencer my entire life.

David Johnson's mother



Orpha Faye Johnson. A determined young mother travelling on a troop ship from Germany after WW II w-3 young kids to protect. Treasured for the sacrifices she made to keep us safe and healthy.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Barb Petsel's mother



Florence Beckmann. My mom and my dad with my first son. Born in 1910. Although gone years ago, they are my inspirations with their faith, kindness, and caring ways.

Marv Petsel's mother



Christine Kulhavy Petsel. Lived in Cedar Rapids, IA entire life. Married dad, raised 3 sons. Of Czech heritage & raised Catholic, she lovingly influenced me to become Methodist. Made the world's best Kolaches-which I never duplicated.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Gary Wills' mother



Marianne (Butterwegge) Wills. Born in Germany. Family fled Frankfurt during the allied bombings. Loving, strong, self-sufficient. Raised us to appreciate the freedoms enjoyed in the USA.

Carol Wills' mother



Jean (Long) Robinson. Born in OH; raised in PA. BS in Nursing. While in the military, met my Dad. Focus in life was family, church, friends & her nursing career.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Rosemary Ellis's mother



Helen Russell Ellis. Strong, beautiful and the eternal optimist. Despite losing her parents in the flu epidemic, she faced life with courage and a smile.

Barbara Wheat's mother



Alice Reaser Zwick.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Vic Morin's mother



Dorothy Morin. The most sincere, honest, generous and kindest person I have ever known.

Linda Morin's mother



June ("Junebug") Price. Mom was a "lovebug", she loved EVERYONE! When asked "how are you?" she would answer: "I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in!"

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Dave Mather's mother



Martha Mather. She was loving, quiet and yet strong. A great cook and friend. I miss her so.

Becky Mather's mother



Ida Mae Williams, at her High School graduation. Mom was kind and loving. Except for her mother in law, I never heard her say a bad word about anyone.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Jerry Roddy's mother



Elizabeth Clements Roddy. She was a great influence on me as she always reminded me of my capabilities; she instilled in me that I could achieve anything that I set my mind to do.

Anne Roddy's mother



Anna Dee Mason Wood. Passed at 59. Taught me about faith in God, to be gentle, but strong; & never give up. Introduced me to WSCS. She was my guiding light. I cherish that.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Russ Simmonds' mother



Florence Simmonds. Giving and caring best describe my mother. Nobody ever left the farm without something from her-be it flowers, garden produce, eggs, or baked goods.

Brenda Simmonds' mother



Doris Doss. Love best describes my mother. She loved her family, her friends, and her church. Widowed at 44 with 4 daughters, she was a pillar of strength for our family.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Jim Alexander's mother



“Lottie” Alexander. At 93, retired from 50+ years of teaching a SS class at 1st Baptist Church, Lyford, TX. She made the best biscuits; but was an even better listener.

Chris Alexander's mother



Theresa Strelczyk. At 23 got multiple sclerosis. By age 45, she had to use a scooter to get around. She loved making crafts; many are in our home.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Anne Crutchfield's mother

Roy Crutchfield's mother



Norma Smith. Raised three children in Texas high plains. Wonderful cook, especially yeast rolls. Talented oil painter and a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Margaret Crutchfield. Fun loving and always welcomed you with a smile. Loved holiday cooking and family get togethers. Much loved mother and grandmother.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Betty Estill's mother



Emma Jane Bryan. A wonderfully loving mother. Happy and cheerful, she supported me in all my projects from wallpapering to planting flowers. Her presence lit up a room and everyone enjoyed her.

John Estill's mother



Ann Loucille Estill. She lovingly served God, her family and her church. She instilled important life values in me. Though she lived only 52 years, all remember her sweetness.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Dave Wisnewski's mother



Edna Wisnewski. Orphaned at age 4, broken hip at 89 and fully recovered. At age 95, still lives alone in the house I grew up in. Strong faith. True grit.

Prissy Wisnewski's mother



Bertha Dayton. Mom was a first-grade teacher who always had a rhyme, song, or game to teach reading. She dearly loved her grandchildren and was always available to babysit.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Nelson Cain's mother



Marthellen Jones. She taught me a love for music and to roll my pants up when wading in the lake, here along Nels Beach.

Carol Cain's mother



Winfred Gresham. My mother taught me patience and kindness.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Ken Rorie's mother



Nancy Henderson Rorie. Nancy was a loving and tender-hearted lady underneath her Missouri "sho-me" exterior.

Floy Rorie's mother



Pauline Martin Wilcoxon. She was a good neighbor, willing to listen to the problems of others and always willing to share goodies from her kitchen.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Joci James's mother



Carrie Ewing James. Lifelong Christian with a continuous smile and laugh. Even when facing hardships she never complained, except when she didn't see her children often enough. She loved her family, life, God.

Mary Dell Green's mother



Mary Wilmuth Hunter Everts. She was an accomplished classic pianist, earned the Golden Eaglet award at age 18, and had a relative who was a hero of the Alamo.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Peggy Blake's mother



Blanche Ward Harris Fulbright. 1922-2006. She married my dad, Ovie Vernon Fulbright, on Oct. 7, 1944. She was a wonderful, loving caring mother to me. I think of her every day.

Thom Blake's mother



Esther Louise Schroeder Blake. 1912-1983. Married Forrest Leroy Blake in 1930. She was an avid reader and devout German Lutheran. She was a very kind and generous person.

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

Jesus had a Mother too.



**Luke 1: 39-55
tells us she
burst into song
upon greeting
her cousin
Elizabeth.**

Mary was her name.

Drawn by Raphael, Painted by his assistants Giulio Romano and Giovan Francesco Penni, Ca. 1517, Museo Del Prado

IN CELEBRATION of MOTHERS

The Magnificat in Song

Composed by Todd Agnew

Performed by Christy Nockels

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_iixWJo-7k