

# Mother's Day

## To My Mom

No woman or man has had as much influence on my life as you, mom. Although we have always enjoyed a special relationship, I'm not really sure why. Perhaps it's because I'm an only child. I was the only one who saw you struggle in ways that no other has ever witnessed. When I was in sixth or seventh grade, I remember coming home from school and telling you that I needed money for a pair of sneakers. You cried because you couldn't give it to me. I didn't understand at the time. You didn't have the money to give me. I never meant to hurt your feelings.

I'm very sorry for the things I've done to hurt you. We've never had much money, but what you've given me is far more important. No matter how much trouble I've gotten in or how many times I've let you down, you've given me love, unconditionally.

I've learned my lesson. I will change my life around. I want to celebrate next Mother's Day with you.

I love you, mommy.

Your Son,  
**Christopher  
Gosset Center**

## Lynda

Lynda  
Mother  
Funny, weird, blonde, short  
Lover of biking, swimming at the Sheraton, and taking walks through the woods  
Who believes in getting good grades in school to have an enjoyable future  
Who wants peace, liberty, and justice for all  
Who used love, money, and a dream to buy my family's dog and cat  
Who gives time, patience and food to the kids she baby-sits  
Who says, "Turn the TV off and read a book."

- **Tiffany Howe  
Grade 9, LHS**

My mom got me my new dog Sammy. Mom is the greatest mom in the world. She lets me help make apple pies and she lets me go to the mall. Sometimes she gets mad at me, but I love you mom.

- **Cody Anderson  
Genoa**

My mom is special because she helps people at her job. She works in Syracuse and she is a counselor. She also takes me places and plays games with me. I love my mom.

- **Solomon Robson  
King Ferry**

## Gladys Eshbaugh Pier 1896-1996

Although Mother raised a family of six children she always thought of herself as a professional teacher instead of a professional mother! Teaching school was her love and she encouraged her daughters to go into this rewarding field. One of Mother's first memories was of sitting on the front steps of her house in Kushequa, PA and seeing her father coming up the walk with news of Pres. McKinley's assassination. Mother, was born with a crooked foot and wore a brace until she was three. Gladys and her older brother Claude were best buddies but he was very irritated when she skipped several grades and went to high school in the same grade as he did.

When Mother was about thirteen, she and her friends were playing in a hayloft of an old barn. All the children had been told not to play there, but it was too much fun to run and jump in the loose hay, and who would tell, anyway? Accidents do happen and Mother fell through an open trap-door down to the hard threshing floor. The fall had to be kept a secret and mother gritted her teeth and made her way home. The rest of that summer mother sat under a tree doing needlework. About fifty years later mother had an x-ray taken of her back and her doctor asked when she had broken it.

A run-a-way horse and carriage frightened Mother so much as a child that she'd never drive behind a horse if she could help it. She loved to ride and had a pretty split riding skirt. She would ride up to the post office and sit on her horse until someone would go inside and bring the mail out to her for she was too modest to descend and be seen wearing a split skirt!

Mother liked skirt pockets and when she sewed for us, we never lacked large pockets to keep pen knives, string and other things. As a teacher, she walked through the woods and along the railroad track three miles to school. In winter, she'd fill her pockets with coal from the tracks to burn in the school stove. She was the only teacher to keep school open all winter, but when spring came the school-board was horrified to learn that she'd burned coal in a wood stove. "You could have burned the schoolhouse down!" they exclaimed.

What rich lives we Pier children led, with music lessons all around and books read to us each night before we went to sleep. The school-marm became a terrific mother.

- **Louise Piers Bement**

It's really kind of near,  
That my mom is very sweet!  
She's nice everyday,  
In the middle of May,  
And last but not least,  
I'm sure glad my mom is not a BEAST!

- **Stephanie Reid  
Aurora**

My mom cooks, cleans, washes clothes and washes dishes. She buys me toys, food and clothes. She takes me places, I get money on pay day. She takes care of me, she is very nice. She loves me very much and I love her very much.

- **Terry Broughton  
Genoa**

My mom cooks supper for me. She is also special because she is nice to me. Sometimes she takes my sister and I for ice cream after supper. She puts me to bed every night. She loves me and I love her.

- **Kimberly Bell  
Genoa**

## Mother

Mother  
A bright soul  
Loving, caring, thoughtful, and honest  
Lover of her kids, husband, and family  
Who believes in forgiveness  
Who wants her husband well, her kids to have a good future, and future to be kind  
Who uses her personality, smile, and laughter  
Who gives encouragement to others and family  
Who says "Don't misbehave"  
Love you always

- **Nicole Walawander  
Grade 9, LHS**

## To My Mom

My mom, Sherri Howell, is the most caring and giving person I know. I admire her strength, her loyalty, warm-heartedness, and her ability to put others ahead of herself. She has shown me how to love unconditionally, and she has taught me, by example, that I can do anything. I know with her unwavering support I can accomplish my dreams. Now that I have a child of my own, my mom's role in my life has become clearer: I owe her everything. This is a debt I can never hope to fully repay, except in some small way by saying, "I love you, Mom."

Happy Mother's Day.

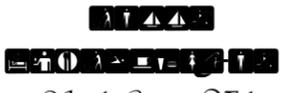
- **Debra Howell  
Ludlowville Rd**

My mom cooks dinner for me. She buys me things and she takes care of me when I am sick.

She is very funny and she tells me stories about when she was a kid. That is why she is my special mom.

- **Brendan Montgomery  
Poplar Ridge**

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