

Mother's Day 2023

Dear Mom—

Our relationship began over 54 years ago. Even before I was born, I know you cared for me, worried over me, protected me, nourished me, and imagined my future. And, of course, loved me. And from the moment I was born you've been a fundamental part of my life, in more ways than you can imagine. Yes, you nurtured, cared for, and educated. But you also modeled a view of the world — a way to think, to see, to interact with, and to treat others. You formed my sense of humor — though they're not entirely the same. I learned kindness and thoughtfulness through observing you with others, and the way you treated me. I was the beneficiary of your generosity — of time, effort, sharing of knowledge and opinions — though, again, ours are not the same... but they shouldn't be.

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Love,

Mark

With everything I do, say, observe, and think, there's a part of you coming through, and a sense that I'm partially aware of it through your eyes. Thank you doesn't seem the right response, as some of what we share are anxieties, worries, and sensitivities. But in a way, it's better that all isn't sweetness + light — that makes us appreciate the good + the happy all the more. And the humanity. Ours is a tangled and rich bond, and, I think, makes both our lives fuller and more meaningful. What more could one possibly ask for.

With you — with me — every day is mother's day.

Love,
Mark