

A Mother Lost, A Broken Heart, A Vow to God

Dear Readers,

It is with a very heavy and saddened heart that I bring you news that my special friend, my confidant, part of my spirit for living, my Mother, has died. She was a person who I greatly loved and respected, the one who brought me into this world. My heart has been shattered. She was 88 years old but she had the mind of a sixty year old. She was a support in my life that I thought would live on forever.

I miss our daily talks. I've caught myself, over the last few days, dialing her number in anticipation of having another conversation with her. The first time, in the middle of dialing, I broke down in tears and hung up the phone. It was a habit of love to reach for that phone and call her. The next day I started to pick up the phone and then the pain struck my heart again that she was not there to talk with on the telephone. I carry her in my heart constantly and through our God given spirit, I feel as though I still communicate with her.

I am repeating this story for those of you who may not have read it before, or our new readers. The Time Is Now column is of ever growing interest to literally thousands of readers. It shares the good news of people nurturing each other, Caring & Sharing with each other, and it has a domino effect of our goodness. Our God given gift of free will, of being able to help one another with the understanding that we are there to come to the aid of those reaching out for help.

I grew up in moments of poverty, with my mom crying due to our electricity being shut off or our lack of food, my mom had too much pride to ask for help. Instead she struggled through minimum paying jobs to fight to keep our family, my two sisters and myself, together. At an early age I prayed to God to please allow me to get a job so I would be able to help my mother. I would never forget the pain and sorrow of watching this hard working woman, whom I loved very much, cry. I vowed to God that I would always be there to reach out to help others and that is the reason why *The Time Is Now to Help* was begun.

As someone who was able to successfully negotiate the business world, I feel blessed to have been able to help my mother throughout her senior years. I desired for her to no longer feel the pain of being unable to buy clothing or proper food, to be able to pay for her prescription medications without sacrificing food, to be able to pay for her utilities while still being able to keep her heat warm in the winter and air conditioning to keep her cool, and help her breathe, in the summer heat . I

enabled her to continue to live in her own home with some housekeeping assistance, vs. living like a gypsy, and living through the embarrassment of being evicted. When I was a child we could not afford the staples in life, food, utilities, shelter, clothing, etc. all of which *The Time Is Now* helps to provide for others who have fallen into the pain and sorrow of poverty.

My mother was a good woman with a good heart for everyone who crossed her path. She fought for what was right and just for all God's creations. She stood up and spoke her mind about what was wrong with our world and spoke out against any injustice. She instilled in me a good heart, a loving and caring heart.

I thank my mother and my father for how I feel about all of God's creations. My compassion was instilled in me as a small child and has never left. Instead it has continued to grow. I can no longer reach out to that dear mother who loved me so, the mother that could heal my hurting heart with a moment of shared kindness and compassion between a mother and a son.

I thank God for the vow I made to continue to help others, for giving me the strength to pursue that vow, for making sure I will always be there to help others. I will not go back on my vow. I plan on continuing this mission. This is a way of life for me that will never change.

I thank all of you for your support. Since my mother was the reason for me founding *The Time Is Now to Help*, it is only right for me to give every gift that has been given from her funeral, given from the kindness of those wanting to share, to put it all into *The Time Is Now to Help* others. It is what my mother would have wanted me to do.

I miss you Mom! I Love you Mom! I will always love you, my Dear Mother. What a precious gift God has created.

If you are blessed to still have your parents, love them. Those precious moments you share are a gift from God. And if you have children, let them know you love them, cherish them.

I miss you Mom! I Love you Mom!

Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone,

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