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“ Lessons from my mother:

1 – Write thank you notes. My mom sent thank you notes even if someone had us over for dinner.

2 – Always have goodies on hand for guests and as thank you gifts for hosts. Mom kept her version of rice crispy treats on hand filled with nuts, chocolate chips and raisins.

3 – Iron anything that can be ironed. Mom had a commercial iron and spent Saturday evenings ironing our clothes and also ironed sheets and pillow cases!

4 - Why eat on plain dishes if you have crystal glasses, gold leaf plates and real silverware? Mom had a china hutch filled with beautiful dishes and she used them all the time.

5 – Save anything and everything. Mom had amazing organizational skills and used all her saved treasures to make things like button bracelets and wreaths made out of cookie cutters.

6 – Always look beautiful no matter what. Mom always had her hair done, make up on, nice clothing and jewelry and shoes to match each outfit. By 8 each morning she was ready to go for the day.

7 – Make your bed each morning. Her home was always tidy.

8 – If you can make a dozen cookies, then why not make dozens? Mom made the most delicious molasses cookie drops each Christmas and they lasted a long time.

9 – Keep busy. Mom always had something to do even when they were travelling. She knitted little yarn balls and sewed Winnie the Pooh characters for the Pilgrim Festival. She always helped me with projects when she would come visit like sewing curtains and making slipcovers for my furniture.

10 – *Take time for what you love. Mom had projects that brought her joy. She would bring her paints to the lake each summer and go off and paint by herself. She also loved to dance and incorporated her love of God into her dancing by creating a sacred dance group in many of their churches.*

11- *Be of service. Mom not only worked full time in social work, raised four children, but always had time to volunteer at church and community organizations like meals on wheels. They would host people in our home like Peace Pilgrim and visitors from other places were always welcome.*

12 – *If you travel, see the country from the native's point of view. Mom and dad always stayed with natives wherever they went and made their own travel plans so they could see each place they visited from the viewpoint of the natives. They even backpacked through Europe in their fifties.*

13 – *One chicken can last a week for a family of 6. Mom knew how to stretch our food budget. She had a pressure cooker and even cooked the bones to make a broth that would be at least two meals if you add veggies. However, she would serve it up in a beautiful soup tureen so it was fit for a King's meal.*

14 – *Don't let others write your emotional agenda – ever! Mom was the master of this lesson. She was strong in herself and other peoples' moods did not phase her.*

15- *If you are going to play a game, then give it your all. Games were played with the same fervor that she put into all her activities. She was difficult to beat and played scrabble and rummicube into her 90s.*

16 - *Appreciate each moment with loved ones no matter how difficult the situation is. I did my best to enjoy my time with mom but the last several years since dad died was mixed with anxiety and sadness. I wish I could have just one day to experience the sheer*

joy of being with her.

While I did not learn all the lessons I could have from my mother, I observed her and she did influence the person I became. The basic values of service and love were absorbed and manifested in my life as values that are of the highest. I am grateful for the mother I had and wish you much joy and love wherever you are, mom. Keep on painting and dancing! I feel your spirit and it guides me. I love you!
Nancy

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You captured Mom's best qualities eloquently. Betty

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