



Clayton Presbyterian Church
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I Never Told Her

I told her I loved her. I told her she was pretty. I told her she was smart and funny. But I never told her I appreciated her.

Appreciation is a very important, all covering word. Basically it says you are aware of the extra effort she took. That you relied on her character and you trusted her....you know she 'had your back'.

The 'she' in this case was my mother. I felt a great deal of pride in her ability, her artistic talents, her judgement, her laughter and smile and the quiet fact that she never seemed to know or care about how pretty she was.

One Spring evening Mother patted my hand and said, "Sue, I like you." I replied, "I like you too." The next day at age 56, my mother passed away.

Mother made my life possible. She taught me, she guarded me, she loved me.

At this moment I cannot help but recall how our Lord gave us such a wonderful example for us to follow regarding our mothers.

Mary was the vessel, the tool God used for the earthly birth of His Son. And for the first 12 years of Jesus' life, He was sheltered as a child should be.

In time Mary realized that her precious Son was to be her preacher and He had to be about His Father's business.

Upon the cross Jesus displayed the utmost example of the fifth Commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother:..." (Exodus 20:12). He was completing His Father's plan. Then He saw His mother standing by. "Woman, behold thy son". Then Jesus said to the disciple John, "Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26-27). Our Lord placed His mother in John's protective care....He was honoring her.

Did you ever wonder why the wording was 'honor' and not 'love'? Honor is to remember and respect what effort and attention it took to get you here and to teach you. Honor means to appreciate, to hold in esteem the hard times as well as the good. Honor is a stronger command than love.

I can tell, had I knew then what I know now, I would have hugged my mother every day and told her I appreciated her. But I was a slow-to-learn human being back 'in the day'. At my ripe old age I try to remember to express my appreciation of the lovely people in my world today.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elder of the month – Judy Williams			1	2 National Day of Prayer Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	3 Open for Personal Prayer	4 YARD SALE! 8 AM – 2PM
5 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	6	7 Presbyterian Women 2 PM NA group 7 PM	8	9 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	10 Open for Personal Prayer	11
12 Mother's Day Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	13 Session – 10 AM	14 Presbytery Meeting in Gainesville NA group 7 PM	15 Game Night 5 – 8 pm	16 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	17 Open for Personal Prayer	18 Church Clean Up Day 7 AM - Noon
19 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	20	21 NA group 7 PM	22	23 Camboia Wedding 2:30 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	24 Open for Personal Prayer	25
26 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Fellowship Dinner	27 Memorial Day	28 NA group 7 PM	29	30 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	31 Open for Personal Prayer	