

Mom went to heaven in February of this year. We are missing her terribly but grateful to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY that He has set her free. The unresolved issue of the previous year's hip-replacement surgery gone badly and the constant battle with diabetes and kidney functions came to an end. The LORD JESUS has lovingly taken her away from all her worldly pains and brought peace to her being. And though our hearts continue to ache because of loneliness, GOD's comforting peace embraces us through such heartaches and longings. His love fills those empty days.

As Mother's Day approaches, I find myself staring at Mom's pictures more. Looking at her face brings me to the truth that she is now with the LORD. How grateful my Dad, the family and I are to Him for this unspeakable joy and comfort even in our grief. His love and forgiveness are encompassing.

Mom and Dad taught us about people's ways. What we are today is the product of what they had imparted and put in us. With the HOLY SPIRIT's guidance, they helped us walk the righteous path. Their love in the LORD surrounds and permeates our world.

Tonight, I may see the moon beams or maybe see the sparkling raindrops before they hit the ground. The sight of the sunset, the singing of the birds or certain whiff in the air may once more glaze my eyes with tears and the truth of the LORD JESUS will forever live in my soul that with Him is life. Indeed, He is the Way, the truth and the Life and truly there is no other.

Mom is able to walk now in heaven. There's no more pain or suffering. She is free at last. She fought her battles with dignity and won. She has triumphed against life's tribulations because of GOD's promise - *John 3:16*.

Mom sings the heavens' melodies with other believers in GOD's home. They walk through the ever-green fields, where flowers bloom each day, and the sound of cascading waters calmly caress the senses and life's breeze lulls the mind to only think of the Savior's love.

Thank You, my LORD GOD, for Your unceasing love and grace.

Allow me to share with you this beautiful poem by Helen Steiner Rice. **And to all Moms - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** How we thank GOD for you!

A mother's love is something
that no one can explain.
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain . . .

It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may -
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking.
And It never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns ~
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining;
it defies all explanation.
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand.
And another wondrous evidence
of GOD's tender guiding hand.