

Dear Don, Dorothy and family members:

We are saddened hearing the passing away of Betty. It is one of those difficult times of the life journey to even think of, let alone accepting it. We share your grief.

Mother is special. Even more so to her children. Her love, kindness, concessions and faith in children are pure. Even her persuasive arguments, anger and scolding while raising children are sanctified with purest intentions that mother like Betty possessed.

Going back years, I remember Don, the day you refused to eat dinner and went to sleep hungry because we wanted to go with our friends for the late night party and she insisted you to prepare for the next day exam instead. You didn't go for the party. Reluctantly nor did I having listened to her. To celebrate our getting A+ in the exam, she prepared the delicious dinner and invited me as well to join. She was more happy and proud of both of us than we were! My heart went out for her when we found out that she too went hungry to bed the day you did.

I am sure, knowing Betty, there are more such anecdotes that would bring tears to your eyes remembering her. I am also feeling the loss.

Also, a mother is unique in that she leaves but never goes away. The moment we think of her, she would appear. The moment we ask her a question, she would answer. The moment we need solace, she would roll her soft fingers on our head. The moment we ask for her blessings, she would shower on us. She leaves only to get closer.

Our prayers are with you for mother's eternal peace and for you all to receive needed strength to bear the loss. We are with you.

Please remember us to all the family members. The New Year has just begun. We wish you all a healthy and peaceful year.

We will call you.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Jonathan, Judy, Sam and Emily