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We all have one. They may no longer be with us, or they may live with us. They may have raised us. They may have grown old with us, or they may have not been an active part of our lives. No matter what, we all have a mother who gave us life.

Our mother also had a mother. Not only a birth mother, but her mother – like ours -- may have been her biological mother, or maybe an aunt or family member, a nanny, or someone else – but they, too, had someone who raised them. A mom, mommy, mother, or some other term of endearment we know and love them by.

Maybe your mom isn't/wasn't who you thought she should have been, or maybe she is/was more than you ever dreamed she could be. Chances are you have had someone who "mothered" you and helped you become the person you are today!

Mother's Day is a chance to let our mothers know just how special they are to us. Mine has given me values and opportunities I cannot begin to document here, unconditional love, and inspiration beyond my imagination. I can't put into words the feelings that overcome me when I turn inward and feel what she has given me, my family, and everyone who knows her.

I've watched in on the lives of some other mothers in and around our county. I see strength, determination, hard work, adversity, and every emotion defined by man in these women. I see pictures of little babies being cuddled in their mother's arms, bellies protruding with the miracle of life within them, families holding on to their mothers and they pass from this life, and I see the pain, joy, and miracles that we are capable of experiencing. No, life is not perfect, neither are mothers, but everything that is possible for us is possible because of our mothers. Stay Safe Out There while you enjoy a Happy Mother's Day!

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