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MY GRANNY

My Favorite Most Precious Granny in the world
She truly was much more than One in a Million
To Me...My Mentor!

Not only was she the best Granny, but a beautiful person, honorable lady, non judgemental, never demanding, completely unselfish, with no expectations. Granny always shared her love unconditionally and was well respected. Granny kept an open mind and enjoyed sharing life's lessons and her personal stories. My Granny loved life and never took anything for granted. She looked forward to getting out of bed daily as her life was rich with purpose to share.

I only have wonderful and beautiful memories of my special Granny. She was so often at my bedside with a bowl of hot fresh chicken soup when I had a cold but her unique goggle moggles were yummy and therapeutic too. She always served delicious food that was loaded with LOVE.

Granny's door was always open which made it easy and comfortable to share a problem or a secret with her. She certainly was trusted not just by me but by All! Granny's home was warm and safe. We had many discussions about anything and everything at anytime often at her kitchen table, by her sewing machine or in her den. She was seldom wrong and could predict what was going to happen in many situations. She never told me what to do but would offer suggestions and/or advice. She always encouraged me to make my own decisions. Granny was a very intuitive person.

Granny taught me about the importance of making a living and building for my future. She taught me when and how to spend money wisely and with caution.

Granny was athletic in her younger years, in fact my Granny was a sprinter. She also loved to dance. We had many dates where I'd pick her up and take her to my fitness classes. Granny wouldn't just sit back and watch so she would demonstrate to the group how agile and energetic she was. The participants were always most impressed with this incredible grandmother of mine and always asked her to come again soon. Often she would philosophize with individuals and share her kind words of wisdom. The participants gravitated to her presence and wanted to have a relationship with Granny.

Granny had a strong belief about the importance of forgiveness. Her philosophy was... in order to live a long and full life with health & happiness one must learn to forgive and move on. SHE walked her talk! Granny never hated anybody or anything.

Granny had no fears. She lived her life very methodically. She loved and needed her daily routine and didn't look for changes to keep her happy. One of her many favorite expressions was: there is nothing better than home sweet home! As long as Granny was able to work with her hands, this to her was doing God's work, serving purpose daily which gave her a strong will to live.

Granny always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete!

Just hours before Granny passed away, my ONE IN a Million Granny once again, so unselfishly, found internal strength to pick her head up off her pillow, saw me at her bedside, looked into my eyes and gave me one of her most precious looks to remind me that....such is life... this is life!!

POEM:

Granny...I treasure every moment we have had and

I am so glad

For all the things that I have learned from YOU

Teaching me always to be true

Teaching me wrong from right

Teaching me to be strong

And not worry when things go wrong

I am going to miss you each and everyday

But the memories I have had with you will stay

I am going to miss not talking to you on the phone

And having you listen to me moan

I am going to miss not holding you in my arms

And all of your charms

But...I know You will be here

Each and every year

Until the time we will meet again

And be together til the End

I will always love you Granny and forever I will be proud to say that I am your granddaughter. Granny you are in my heart and you will always be.