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## E-Haven Newsletter from griefHaven

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### Special E-Haven™ Mother's Day 2010

Dear Mr. Hallmark

*I am writing to you from heaven,  
And though it must appear  
A rather strange idea,  
I see everything from here.*

*I just popped in to visit  
Your stores to find a card--  
A card of love for my mother,  
As this day for her is hard.*

*There must be some mistake, I thought,  
Every card you could imagine,  
Except I could not find a card  
From a child who lives in heaven.*

*She is still a mother too,  
No matter where I reside.  
I had to leave, she understands,  
But, oh, the tears she's cried.*

*I thought that as I wrote you,  
You would come to know  
That though I live in heaven now,  
I still love my mother so.*

*She talks with me every single day,  
We still share our laughter, too.  
She also sees me in her dreams,  
Would you see what you could do?*

*My mother carries me in her heart,  
Her tears they cloud her sight.  
She writes poems to honor me,  
Sometimes far into the night.*

*She plants flowers in my garden,  
There my living memory dwells.  
She writes to other grieving parents,  
Trying to ease their pain as well.*

*So you see Mr. Hallmark,  
Though I no longer live on earth,  
I must find a way to remind her  
Of her loving, wondrous worth.*

*She needs to be honored  
And lovingly remembered too,  
Just as all the mothers' children  
Still living on earth will do.*

*Thank you, Mr. Hallmark,  
I know you'll do your best.  
I have done all I can do now,  
So to you I'll leave the rest.*

*Please find a way to tell her  
How much she means to me,  
Until I can do it for myself  
When she joins me in eternity.*



## Mom-isms

*Hi*, everyone! You know, sometimes it helps to bring a little humor into days that are otherwise difficult. So this Mother's Day, we decided to share Mom-isms with you. We suggest that you share these on Mother's Day with family and friends and come up with your own Mom-isms.

Here they are:

*Don't make that face or it will stick that way forever.*

*If you swallow that gum, it will stick to your ribs.*

*If you swallow those seeds, a tree will grow in your stomach.*

*What if everyone jumped off that cliff—would you?*

*If I ever talked to my mother like that I would have been grounded for a year.*

*You are grounded for the rest of your life.*

*Moms have eyes in the back of their heads, so watch out.*

*Close that door. Did you grow up in a barn?*

*Turn off those lights. Do you think we own the Electric Company?*

*Eat it. There are people starving all over the world.*

*How do you know if you don't like it if you haven't even tasted it?*

*Because I'm your mother, and I said so, that's why.*

*Just wait—one day you'll grow up and have a child exactly like you.*

*I just want what's best for you.*

*This hurts me more than it hurts you.*

*When you have your own house and pay the bills, you can make the rules. Until then . . .*

*If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.*

*The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.*

*You are going to put your eye out what that thing!*

*Never wear anyone else's glasses or you will go blind.*

*You'll always be my little girl/boy.*

*Call me when you get there so I know you are okay.*

*Mothers have a sixth sense—that's how I know.*

*A little birdie told me, that's how I know.*

*Don't pee in the pool because the water around you will turn red and everyone will know.*

*When I was your age I had to walk ten miles in the snow to get to school.*

*One . . . Two . . . Don't let me get to three.*

*How can you have nothing to wear? Your closet is stuffed with clothes.*

*If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times.*

*I don't care who started it, just stop it.*

*Don't sit too close to the television, it will ruin your eyes.*

*Money doesn't grow on trees.*

*Don't go out with wet hair or you will catch a deathly cold.*

*Don't chew on your nails or you will get worms.*

*Life isn't fair.*

*If you put things where they go, you wouldn't have this problem.*

*Don't make me come in there.*

*Don't you have anything better to do?*

*You can't judge a book by its cover.*

A beautiful quote about mothers:

“Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, comrades and friends - but only one mother in the whole world.”

~Kate Douglas Wiggin

To all of our precious and beloved mothers, we hope that you will have at least moments of Peace of Heart this Sunday. We are sending you our love.

Your friends from griefHaven



Friends,

We will send you our regular monthly E-Haven Newsletter on May 15. It will include our interview with Shana Feste, the writer and director of the amazing movie "The Greatest," soon to be out on DVD. This is a powerful, special, and meaningful interview. We recommend you read the interview and then rent the movie.

See you next week!