



Mary,

We've had crazy times, some good, some bad - times always memorable. We've always had an understanding for each other's problems. There seems to be a laughter in our hearts that no one can understand. I don't even think we understand it half the time. You have been my best friend and I have loved you from the moment I set eyes on you (even though you were not interested in fat boys). I wish nothing but happiness and success for you. Congratulations and "Hey, Welcome to the Real World!"

Love always,  
Jeffrey

Dear Mary,

Years from now you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do - so laugh, dance, smile, and most importantly be happy! You are truly a beautiful, good, honest, principled, intelligent, and independent girl. As you continue to grow always know you can count on us.  
We love you very much

Mr. Barry and Mrs. Cindy

Dear Mary,

I will miss you next year at school. Good Luck - I love you -

Love,  
Ryan

## JESSICA

In the days that have gone on before  
We have stood at a distance watching you grow  
We have watched you struggle  
We have seen you win  
We have prayed with you and for you  
Time and again  
We knew when there was rain the sun would shine  
The flower would bloom  
In its due time

Today here you are in full bloom  
On the threshold of time  
Full of sparkle and goals that shine  
Pursue those goals  
Struggle and win  
We will always be watching  
In the sun and the rain

As you step through the door and  
Take life by the hand  
We give you this box  
Full of things and a plan  
In this box we have "courage" to see life through  
There is also a "smile" if you get blue  
When you succeed there is "pat" for your back  
There is a "grain of salt" if you are under attack  
There is a "prayer" for each morning tucked inside  
A "hand" to hold as you are on life's long ride  
On days that you lift the lid of this box  
And there is nothing there to give you a "pick me up"  
We give you this "phone call" to use over and over again  
Because you are not only our daughter  
You are our Friend

Love you,  
Mom, Dad and family  
Written for you by Nanny "C"

