

My Baby Boo,

How do I sum up what you have meant to me for the last eighteen years? You brought incredible joy into my life from your very first day. The pride and love I felt the first time I saw you has only grown and magnified each and every day. Watching you grow up has been amazing, there are times when I am not sure who taught whom the most. You are an incredible person with wisdom beyond your years. You have the capability to bring a smile to people's faces with the simplest of ease...do you realize what kind of gift that is? Please cherish it and use it each day; there is no greater joy than a smiling face.

Your wisdom comes from your independence, always wanting to do things yourself. Take pride in the fact that you can do whatever you want, but remember there are people behind you, waiting, in case you need help. You will never have to do everything by yourself.

You are destined for great things, the special way you have with children, the love and affection you show others and that smiling face, all these things combined will help you decide which road to take for your future. Remember, no matter which road you take, it will have curves, bumps and crossroads. All of these are decisions and obstacles don't let them stop you. Follow your heart, believe in yourself and know that we stand behind you.

The next couple of months will be hard. Adjusting to you not being around everyday to tell me what to do and how to do it...how will I ever manage???? Don't fuss at me when I cry at your graduation...they will be a mixture of tears of pride and tears of sadness. The sadness only being that my little baby boo is all grown up now. You may think at times that you don't need your mom always hanging around you, and I really try to understand that, but just remember you will always be my baby girl and I will always be protective of you... no matter how old you get. You and I have always been close, we haven't always seen eye to eye on things, but we have always respected one another's opinions. That respect comes from love. When you love someone you are will to listen and sometimes when you listen you learn new things and you have so many new and exciting things to learn and look forward to in your future.

I love you with all my heart,
Mom

It's hard for me to believe how your school years have passed so fast. It seems not long ago you were just a baby. The day you came into my life was the proudest moment in my life. As you move on to new things in life always remember the standards in which you have been raised. You have become such a beautiful and smart young lady. Your entire family is very proud of you and will always support you. I want you to always remember that I am here for you when you need me.

I love you,
Daddy



Bec,

The house will be quiet when you go to college and I will be an only child...finally!(haha) I will miss you. Thanks for taking me with you everywhere you went. You didn't have to but I am glad you did. You have been a great big sister, bossing me around and keeping me straight.

I love you,
Charlie