

# Joseph Barrett

My Dearest Joseph,

When I think of you leaving home to go off to college, my heart almost burst. It burst with feelings of being thankful, pride, and sadness. I thank God daily for blessing our lives with you. I am so proud of the young man you have become that there are no words to express. The sadness fills my heart when I think of you becoming less dependent on us (Mama and Daddy) and becoming a grown man out on your own. I just hope you will always remember and know that we are here for you to turn to.

Please keep your positive attitude in life. Always turn to God to guide you in which ever direction you choose and I know you will be a success!

I Love You,  
Mama

Joseph,

Although I have many GREAT memories of you growing up....my favorite is: sitting in a rocker or swing with you either in my lap or beside me singing, "A little love that slowly grows and grows". You loved it and wanted that song and nothing else, nor did you want anyone else to sing it.

I love you very much and am so proud of you.

Grandma

Joseph,

It's hard to believe you are a senior already. Seems it was just yesterday that I held my brother in my arms. I want you to know how very proud I am of the young man you have become. I can't wait to see what life has in store for you and wish you nothing but the very best that life has to offer.

I love you, Sissy

Joseph,

From the moment you were born I new that my life had changed. I was no longer the only child and was about to be a big brother. Little did I know the laughter, crying, and countless memories that would come with you. We have been through a lot together and I know our adventures aren't over yet! You will see that with graduation your life will change, but trust me its for the better. I know you are going to grow up to be a great Man and have a wonderful life just remember life is full of surprises and decisions, but its up to you on how you handle them.

I love you buddy and I'm proud to be your brother!

Jimbo

Joseph,

If I remember correctly, the first word you clearly spoke was "Daddy". One little 5 letter word which always makes me feel warm inside when I hear it from you. It's hard to believe that my little boy has now grown into a young man about to enter college. The past 18 years watching and guiding you through this life has been a pleasure. All the memories we have made together will be precious to me forever. You are more than I could have ever imagined.

I know you will continue to be great at everything you do. I know you will embrace life as an adult and surprise us all. I look forward to more excitement from you and more wonderful moments to turn into memories. Remember to always be yourself, be honest, follow your heart, and whatever you do give it your best. You will always be a part of me and I a part of you.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life and thank you for making me so proud.

With all my love,  
Daddy

