

*Things I've Learned ~
In Rear View*

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To my children:

Sometimes it seemed as though you would never grow up and at other times you grew far too quickly. I cherish games of 500 Rummy, family dinners, and power outages.

My greatest accomplishment, my greatest pleasure has been you. Watching you grow taller, stronger, surer, and more independent until one day you were no longer my child, but my friend.

I am so very proud of each and every one of you. I celebrate your differences and smile over your similarities. I thank you

for challenging me, my ideas, and my values. Thank you for helping me to be a better person.

*As I watch you each take your own life journey, there are things I wish I would have said, things I wish I would have told you, that may have made your path a little smoother, your life a little kinder. But I know that the lessons we learn on our own are the ones we carry with us. For you, *Things I've Learned in Rearview*, some of which I've learned from you.*

*All my love & support,
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I've learned that . . .