

My Mum.

Memories / Moments of Quality:

1. Patience - Mum taking me to A&E because of another silly injury. Don't hit a gate with your head while riding your three wheeler bike. Don't jump off of buildings and break your leg. She took this in her stride keeping me calm even though she must have been worried sick.
2. Fun - She taught us, when you're a child the vacuuming is quicker and more enjoyable when done to Khachaturian's Sabre Dance.
3. Cleverness - I was a fussy eater when I was a child especially Sunday lunch. Beef I liked but anything else, not so much. Mum being pragmatic just called everything beef so I would eat it.
4. Responsibility - Schooling is important even if you didn't like the first day. Mum carried me back to school after I'd snuck out because I didn't want to do PT.
5. Fairness - Mum believed that we all needed life skills so she taught us all sewing, knitting and cooking. I can still do two out of the three.
6. Understanding - Getting home worse for wear due to alcohol consumption when I was 17 and thought I'd be in trouble. The next morning suffering a horrible hangover, mum just laughed and with a smile said, that'll teach you.
7. Calmness - Learning to drive, mum just sat in the car with me and let me get on with it. So calm.
8. A mother - Becoming a father and watching my mother's ability, with our newborn, Alex. He was always so calm with her. It was as if she'd done it before.

As her son, I feel like I grew up with the most incredible role model who taught me always to be myself and to treat other people, as I would want to be treated. I will miss her smile, her laugh, her silly sense of humour and her beautiful personality.

Love you Mum