

Mom's Seven Special Gifts (媽媽的特別恩賜)

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They all start with the letter F.

Number 1 is Faith.

One Sunday morning, I found a Catholic station on Mom's TV. It had daily Masses and special events and Masses from Rome. Mom would watch Mass daily never missing a day (even when she went to Mass again at church). She would take notes every time so she could grow in her faith.

Number 2 is Family.

Mom always thought about family. She had her home filled with family photos, past and present. Mom would take real joy in putting up new wedding photos and get excited about a new grandchild especially when she was in the picture.

Number 3 is Friends.

Mom had a special ability to make friends. I meet many people who told me Mom was very kind and friendly. They included: people at church, the mail carrier, nearby neighbors, people at the community center and the fitness room.

Number 4 is Fitness

Mary and I took Mom for physical therapy. They had Mom use a stationary bike. I remembered that her fitness center had the same kind of bike. The physical therapist said biking was good for Mom. The next day, Mom included the bike riding in her daily workout.

Number 5 is Fashion.

Mom always had fashion sense her whole life. She would watch the fashion programs on tv daily and comment when something caught her eye. Mom knew how to carefully match her outfits (including shoes and jewelry). Even when she went walking, she wore the coolest shoes. She even used dozens of hairpins to put her hair up in curls.

Number 6 is Focus.

Mom's ability to focus was one I really admired. It was part of everything she did. At church, while exercising, doing housework, reading, cooking and many other activities she stayed focused.

Number 7 is Funny

When I would open the blinds at Mom's house, she would laugh and say: "Always a beautiful day!" One time, I said to Mom: "Don't worry be happy!" Ever since then she would often say to me: "Don't worry be happy!" and laugh.

I have been so blessed to be part of the Wu Family! This includes the special way I knew Mom! I will always have Mom's Gift of Special in my heart, soul and mind. I will never feel sad, because Mom's Gifts will always stay with me! Mom God Bless You Always! I love you very much!