

*"First my mother, forever my friend"*

Dear Mom,  
First off I want to say I'm sorry.

**I am sorry for all the times I made you feel unappreciated.** I know at times I have acted like an ungrateful brat and I spent most of my life taking the things you do for us kids for granted.

**I am sorry for all the times I lied to you.** No lie I ever told was worth breaking your trust.

**I am sorry for all the times I disappointed you.** I hate that I have ever disappointed you because all I've ever wanted was to make you proud.

**I am sorry for the times I have taken my anger and frustration out on you.** I guess it was always easier to push you away because you would always come back, and that was never fair to you.

**I am sorry for all the times I have disrespected you.** You shouldn't have had to deal with so much backtalk and eye-rolling. I regret all the time I wasted fighting with you.

**I am sorry for all the times I didn't listen to you.** I wish it wouldn't have taken me so long realize you have always had my best interest at heart.

Second of all, I want to thank you, mom.

**Thank you for all the little things you do that us kids forget to say thank you for.** Things like being a shorthand cook, full-time housekeeper and a personal chauffeur.

**Thank you for being my biggest fan.** You deserve an award for all the practices you have sat through, tournaments you've traveled to, and games

you have cheered through.

**Thank you for your constant encouragement.** No matter what it is, I know you will always be in my corner rooting for me. I don't know what I would do without your love and support.

**Thank you for being the one person I can tell anything and everything to.** I can always count on you to listen and give me advice when I need it. I will forever be grateful for that.

**Thank you for all the times you've held me while I cried.** Whether it was my first heartbreak or petty girl drama, you have always been there to comfort me. You will also do whatever it takes to cheer me up.

**Thank you for all the fun times and laughs we've shared together.** I wouldn't trade the memories we've made for the world. Whether its going to get our nails done, or simply laying on the couch watching movies, I always enjoy the time I spend with you.

**Thank you for being such an amazing role model.** I can only hope to be at least half the woman you are some day.

To sum things up, **thank you for all that you do and all that you are.** I can't say thank you enough for being such an incredible mother and friend. The more and more I grow up the more and more I realize that you, mom, are the best friend God has ever given me.