

*Dear
Daughter,*

I



remember

the first time

I said "I love you"





remember

the first time
I said "I love you"

to your face...

(I meant it for the rest
of you as well.)

You had just been born,
and I thought
you were the most beautiful thing
on earth.

And in that little face of yours,
I thought I could see the future...

It looked beautiful, too.

Linda dear,

Now I know that we're living
in that future

and that it's very different
than I imagined it would be.

It hasn't all been beautiful.

Some of it has been scary
and painful and sad.

But through it all,

I've watched you grow

and live your life

with joy and courage and hope.

And although we don't have

as much time together

as we did when you were little,

I can still look into your beautiful face

and tell you the same thing I told you

back before I even knew

who you were--

the same thing I will always tell you,

whatever the future brings...

I love you.

Happy Birthday

Love,
Mom



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