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My Dearest Children,

There is so much I want for you, yet I've tried to tread carefully, not to fulfill myself through you. Instead, I've tried to fill you with the confidence to dream your own dreams and reach your own goals. My pride in being your mother has completely filled my soul.

My girls, feel free to be a woman in the fullest sense—to love and be loved. Be as feminine as you desire, yet do not allow false boundaries to block your personal quest. Exert yourself to get where you want. No one gives it to you; yet, it's there for the taking.

My boys, though the roles for men seem less cloudy, please strive first for humanness than for manliness. Do not be afraid to experience your emotions. Appreciate the beauty in life; this will help actualize your life.

In the end, it will be YOUR decision as to how YOU choose to manifest your Judaism. Do not take this responsibility lightly. You must educate yourself to know what is at stake in making this decision. You hold a place of honor in your link to our sacred history.

Never, take what you have for granted. Show your gratitude by helping those less fortunate in whatever way is true for you. In this puzzling world, be the bright light that shines on your families and community.

With all my love,

Mom (Bubbie)

