

To: "Miss T"

My Wonderful Wife and Mother on
Mother's Day, 2007

It all started years ago when we were only teenagers. One day as you were walking to school I saw you out the window and decided I would go to your house and see you. It was shortly after that time that I knew you were the one for me. For me, that great quest to find a friend, lover, wonderful wife and helpmate, and that one person of all persons who would make a great mother was over!

What did I see way back then? Your great family environment, your genuine modesty and total honesty, your sense of order in your life, and your desire to do things right the first time.

After eight years of courtship, forty-one years of marriage, raising three kids, having 7 grandchildren, traveling all over the world together, and building five houses together, I can honestly say that I would marry you all over again. Even with the former and current health problems, you are still "my girl". I would marry you again, no questions asked. My vows to you long ago, "to love and to cherish" "in sickness and in health" and "till death do us part" are still my vows today.

I have loved you, all of you, for so long now. Your current illness has given you the opportunity to show the world that you truly are an amazing woman. You have shown tremendous and enviable faith in battling your illness. At a time when most people are cursing

their plight, you are the most compassionate and caring person most people see in a given day. I am always amazed at your inner strength and courage now. And yet, you have given all your love to me for all our time together.

I am a thankful and lucky man. Lucky to have known you early in my life and lucky to have made the decision that you were the one for me, and thankful that you were happy with me and loved me back many times over. I could have never found a better life partner than you.

Thank you for saying yes when I asked you to marry me. Thank you for doing all the things that have made our relationship special. Thank you for the care, the total affection and all the romance that you have showered upon me for as long as I can remember.

On this Mother's Day, I am thankful that you are the mother of our children. I could have never formed the habits, attitudes, and outlooks that you have given them. I could never have given them the model of complete faith in facing the strongest adversity possible. I could have never turned out such caring children as we have. You did that. So on this Mother's Day, I consider myself blessed, for I have always had what most men desire: a wife who is a wonderful mother, and true and devoted friend for all my life. Thanks for all you have done for me for so many years.

Your Loving Husband,
Jerry