Mama Wins

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Fresh Picked Flowers

Many years ago, on a beautiful day much like today I was the Mom of two little girls. My youngest, Dominique was three years old. As a busy working Mom, I often felt there was NOT enough time to do everything that had to be done!

Well on this beautiful sunny day, I was standing at the kitchen window and could see my two little girls playing on the swing set in our backyard. They were giggling and having a great time. I had picked up a flat of pansies the previous day and I decided to take these few moments and run out to the front yard to plant my purple pansies. I worked for some time weeding a small area and planting my cute flowers. I had more flowers left in my flat so I moved to another area. A couple minutes after I moved and was weeding, I heard little Dominique crying out Momma, Momma! I turned around and saw she had a bunch of pansies in her little hands! I didn't know if I should laugh or cry, but it broke my heart when she said: "Look what I found, these pretty flowers...I picked them just for you". Her little cherub face was flushed with excitement and all I could do was hug her. I picked her up and took her in to put these precious flowers for me in a vase.

I used to love to tell this story when she was little because it reminded me of the sweetness of having children around. Their

kindness, innocence and generosity make being a Mother the best job in the world.

Well, many years later, my 23-year-old grown daughter Dominique gave me the card pictured above. Inside it said: "A small expression of a very big love, Happy Mother's Day". Below that she wrote: "Mom, this reminded me of the time that I picked all of your freshly planted flowers for you. Thanks for being there for me now and always, especially in this difficult year! I love you so much and am so lucky to have you as a Mom. Thanks for all you have done! Love, Dominique".

Of course, I keep this card on my bookshelf to remind me of my wonderful life as a Mom.