



Warm Fuzzy Files

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*Mom to 3 grown boys
and grandma to 4*

Greetings! I am Lori's Mom-in-Love (I don't like the term Mother-in-law – it sounds like I got caught doing something illegal!) Lori asked me to share some of my "Mama Wins" stories, given that I raised three rambunctious boys to adulthood and only lost each of them a couple of times... and I will share some of those stories... later.

Today I've been going through my "Warm Fuzzy" files as I clean out our home office. Every time I go back to these files, I get lost in the most amazing memories! Birthday and Mother's Day cards, many handmade by pudgy little hands with letters difficult to discern, but the love is obvious! The Christmas present I had to find by following 12 clues (for the 12 Days of Christmas!) that led me all through the house before I found my present! The Johannes Egbers Family Steak House menu which allowed me to choose my breakfast for Mother's Day. News articles about the achievements of my sons. The files are a great way to trigger a treasure-trove of memories of mothering my wee sons into adulthood.

As Mothers, we are all incredibly busy. I remember days when my body longed to just get to bed five minutes earlier because I was so exhausted. In the midst of the chaos, disorder and seemingly endless running here and there (what? That's not what most of your days feel like? You need to share your secret, then!), it's tough to find



time to complete one more thing on the list. But I think this is the one thing you DO want to add to your list!!!

If you have not already started some sort of a “Warm Fuzzy” file, stop reading online right now and go DO IT! Whether it is hard copy or electronic, stored on your computer, a cloud somewhere in the sky or on a flash drive, DO IT! We all think we are going to remember those most precious moments forever, but we don’t. New memories crowd in, and we begin to lose track of some of those times that make parenting worth all the effort. I consider my “Warm Fuzzy” file to be a real “Mama Win!”