In honor of Mother's Day, here's a timeless little piece I call "E-Ticket, Please."
[An E-Ticket at Disneyland/ Disney World was the most coveted. It was for any ride that aspired to theme park greatness – the ultimate of thrills].

> Of all the blessings the good Lord has showered upon me, I would have to say motherhood tops the list, hands down. What a ride! The fears and anxieties, the illnesses, the surgeries, the pain, the worrying and sleepless nights, the anger, the attitudes, the expectations, the failures, disappointments, and frustrations…all intertwined with the joy, the excitement, the achievements, the celebrations, the humor and the fun, the hugging, the sharing, the loving and the caring…I could go on and on….Sometimes making me want to speed up time, sometimes making me want to slow it down. Phew!! Yes, it is exhausting. Through the trials, tribulations and triumphs of motherhood, I have experienced things and felt emotions on a level I cannot possibly explain to you. Except I can tell you that I would not trade any of it. I cannot envision, nor do I want to, life without Lauren and Danny. Come what may. And I know this is a life-time thing. I know this because my mother was still at it with me until the day she died. I cannot thank God enough for that. For that and for this blessing He has bestowed upon me. May He always catch me with my seatbelt on tight while on this, my E-ticket ride.

I wrote that years ago. But, like I said, it is timeless.

I want to wish all the moms, grandmas, aunts, and godmothers a very happy Mother's Day today and always. To my dearest friends, some moms, some not, thank you for always looking at my many pictures, listening to my stories, concerns and worries, and walking along with me through this motherhood journey.

A shout out today to a great mom, a special friend and my forever editor, Betty Bottomley, who is now cancer free. Praise the Lord…and St. Jude!

”Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.”
-R. Browning

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;”
-Jeremiah 1:5

“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”
-Psalm 139:13

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