

## Thanks for my daily life

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What do you think of those people who have lost their families suddenly because of a disaster? In the past, I'd feel really sorry for them, but at the same time I felt it had nothing to do with me. Last autumn, when I lost my mother suddenly, my way of thinking had changed. I felt the pain and loneliness of losing a loved one.

I remember that morning I got up and had breakfast as usual. I saw my mom lying on the sofa looking tired. "Are you all right, mom?" I asked. "I have a headache." she said painfully. I was worried about her, but I had to leave for school, so I told my grandma living next door to take care of her. "I'm leaving, mom," I said. "Be good. Take care, Risa," my mom replied. I never could have imagined that this was the last time I could spend time with my mom.

During my school lunch break, my aunt broke the news to me. My mom was brought to the hospital by ambulance. I hurried to the hospital with my aunt. On the way, I had a feeling that my mom would die soon. Finally, I got to the hospital and opened the door. I couldn't hold back my tears. My mom had already passed away. I couldn't go near her. I didn't want to believe it. I was too afraid to see her.

Since that day, the smiles of my family have disappeared. I couldn't even bring myself to school or do anything. I still couldn't accept my mom's death. I was devastated. I regretted that morning. I keep thinking if I were with my mom, she wouldn't have died. "How much pain did she suffer?" I'd been wondering. I blamed myself.

Then, one day, I got letters from my schoolmates. After reading them, I realized that I should pull myself together. Going to school, talking with my friends, and eating dinner with my family at home are the happiest things in life. We're so blessed to be living in a world where we take everything for granted. We never get satisfied. Sometimes, we even complain at the slightest trouble. Often we don't realize that true happiness is hidden in our everyday life.

I realize that my life is not just about me, but also about everyone around me. We're supporting each other as we live. Losing loved ones is an experience that we all have to go through in our lifetime, so we should live life to the fullest even if we have hardships and sadness. I'd like to cherish every single day without regrets or being ashamed of life without my mom.

I never forget my gratitude to my family, friends and all the people around me. We only live once. Please enjoy your precious life with your family so you will not regret it later.

Lastly, I'd like to dedicate a message to my late mother. Dear mom, to be able to eat, study, sleep, talk and smile are the happiest things that you taught me. Thank you for teaching me how precious our daily lives are. The dream that I'd told you, about becoming an air stewardess, I promise you that I'll do my best to make it come true. I'm really happy to have spent fourteen years as your daughter. Thank you for bringing me into the world and being my mother.

Thank you.