

Dearest Daddy,

I don't write to you often, but you are always in my heart. I have never said this before but I truly appreciate everything that you have done for me. You may not have been very vocal about your feelings, but I want you to know that I grew up feeling loved, all the same.

You are the one person I know I can always count on. I can always open my heart to you, and you always know just what to say. You have seen me through thick and thin, through when I was a rebellious teen and an adult who didn't know what she wanted to do. You helped me organize my thoughts, and supported my dream unconditionally. You stood up against mom to help me follow my heart and I have you to thank, for where I am in life now. You built my character, reprimanding me even when I didn't want to hear it, and told me the truth when I needed to hear it.

The reason I can stand strong as a woman today is because I know I always have you to fall back on. You always taught me to stand for my ideals, and never be afraid, making me the person I am now. Our bond has always been a silent one, and I know you always have my back. I remember the time I injured myself while playing football and cried so much when I got home. You reassured me and told me that everything would be alright, that I would find a new passion to follow, and I did. Thank you for being the best dad I could ever have dreamed of.

Your daughter I hope you are proud of.

Rita (your name)