

## News from Nan

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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, ALL YOU OTHER MOTHERS OUT THERE!

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Being a mom is one of the toughest jobs in the world, but on balance it's super-rewarding and also a lot of fun!

I still miss my mom a lot and think of her every day. It would be fun to show her the wonderful wildflower treat that Mother Nature has given us this year, and I'm sure we could spend hours being amused and outraged at the political shenanigans we're witnessing this LONG primary election season. Well, no point in wishing for what you can't have, and I'm so grateful I have a husband, kids, kids-in-law, and grandkids to share with and talk to.

I miss my grandmothers, too, the one I was named for and even the one I never knew in person. They were both strong, capable people, and I'm glad they were my ancestors. I certainly don't always succeed, but I strive to carry on the best of those robust genes. As Grandma Anna said, "I know I didn't always do the right thing, but I did the best that I knew how."

I also miss my mother-in-law, Lillian. She was always a sweetheart and taught me a few things my own mother neglected in my upbringing!

Fortunately, I don't have to miss my daughters, who are now mothers themselves, because I see them often (although in Gillian's case, not really often enough!). I am very proud of them both!

Thanks, everybody, for being there and for being you!

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