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“Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.” - Oliver Wendell Holmes

My mother always had hope ... hope as a young girl in her native Czechoslovakia ... hope as a teenager when she left her home and country in 1938 before the takeover by invading armies ... hope when she arrived in Canada and eventually made her way to Vancouver to start a new life ... hope for her family as she joined my Dad in making sure my sister and I had everything we ever needed to have a great life ... and hope that we would all be happy and healthy as we became adults and started making our own lives.

Always supportive, no matter how crazy the idea, and someone who's main focus was in creating a good life for family ... and she did such an amazing job.

I know that most of us in this room owe so much to our mothers ... and a number of us who have had to endure a recent loss. I want to publicly thank everyone for their support and kindness in the loss of my mother, Millie, this past Saturday, November 24, 2012 ... and to personally dedicate my ongoing public service to my Mom.

If you still can ... hug your mother and tell her how special she is. It's the least that we all can do for all the hope that's been sent our way.

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