A Mother’s Legacy
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As Mother’s Day approaches, I am reminded of the bittersweet reality of not being able to celebrate my mother on Mother’s Day. It’s bitter because I can no longer touch her, talk with her or share a laugh with her. It’s sweet because she is no longer suffering from the illness that ravaged her body. Although my mother, Rosalyn Natalie Knox, no longer physically lives, I have the comfort in knowing that her spirit lives with her Savior. As Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 5:8, “We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” Her life was a living example to everyone who knew her.

My mother deposited a legacy within each of her children. I remember her resilience and veracity in life. Especially seeing how she served God with an incredible passion. It was my mother’s steadfast relationship with God that influenced my commitment to Jesus Christ. I watched my mother intercede for her family especially my siblings throughout my younger years and into adulthood. She was the spiritual buttress of our family. It could never be said that my mother would accept any negative occurrence without a fight, of course, in prayer. She would go to war, if need be, to protect her family. There is no greater love exemplified than a woman that will sacrifice so that her family can have what rightfully belongs to them.

Indelibly inscribed within my heart are the memories which no one can ever erase. There are memories of love, joy, faith, perseverance, virtue and tenacity to name a few. These memories sustain and encourage me in moments of exasperation. I can also draw upon the strength that is resident within me through the power of the Holy Spirit. I give tribute to my mother, Rosalyn Natalie Knox, this Mother’s Day because of all that she has given to me. Her legacy remains alive and will live on even after I leave this earth because her life changed the course of my destiny.

I dedicate this article to my mother for she will forever remain alive within me. My prayer is that every mother will have the impact that my mom has had upon my life and leave a legacy to be cherished forever. She has left a legacy of righteousness, faith, virtue, tenacity and love. I am a better woman, mother, sister and friend because of that legacy.

I wish every mother in Loganville and around the world a blessed and Happy Mother’s Day! I encourage you to cherish every moment you have to celebrate your mother’s life.

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