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What does your mother mean to you?
We asked the question and got some
poignant responses. P. 4

What does **Your Mother** mean to you?

It's Mother's Day this weekend so we wanted to find out how some prominent B.C. figures felt about their mamas. Here's what they had to say. (Warning: it's pretty touching stuff.)



Joe "Shithead" Keithley

D.O.A. frontman/social activist

"What my mom did is what every mom usually does, which is teach you right from wrong, take care of you and drive you to hockey practice at 5 a.m. She also taught me to 'be fair to people' ... It's pretty funny actually, 'cause my dad was like the Archie Bunker of Burnaby – completely rightwing, but my mother was the opposite."



Tamara Taggart

CTV Weather Person

"My mom means everything to me! Her support and love has been unconditional, she's a great mom and now I get to watch her be an amazing grandma. She has a special relationship with my son and it's beautiful to watch."



Jim Chu

Chief of Vancouver Police Department

"As an immigrant to Canada, my mother struggled with the language and culture, but she did well and raised four children. She isn't around anymore and I miss watching hockey with her. She was an avid Canucks fan."



Jenna Chow

CBC Radio Personality

"She's my best friend. You know how mothers bug their daughters as they get older about, 'When you gonna give me grandchildren and get married?' She's the opposite – she's like, 'Kids are really expensive and a lot of responsibility and you don't need a man.' And I think that's valuable because there's enough pressure as it is."



Bill Tieleman

24 hours columnist

"My mom is my political adviser. She and I share political perspectives and we talk politics all the time. And she's a big supporter of my column, which I would expect most columnists' moms would be. But there are people who have very different political views than their parents, but my mom is very solidly in my camp."



Baron Miles

B.C. Lions Defensive Back

"Absolutely everything. She was my dad, my brother, my best friend – everything. She raised four boys by herself, worked two jobs and all four of us turned out pretty good. And she did that in New Jersey. Now I'm raising three kids with my wife and it's hard. So I can only imagine doing it by yourself with four knucklehead boys – it had to be tough."



Angela Fama

Photographer, artist and Colorado singer

"Everything. I didn't have a dad and she filled me with a lot of joy. And she taught me to be an artist and to remember that you got to do what you want to do in life and not make any sacrifices. I don't think I'd be where I am without her teaching me that the strength you need is inside yourself ... Yeah, she's pretty rad."



Matt Wood

Pride Tiger Singer/Drummer

"She's always been really supportive. I grew up in a really boring suburban neighbourhood – never played sports. I was into music and art, and kids thought that was weird. But my mom would always tell me, 'Dare to be different.' ... I never thought that was cool when she was saying it, but when I left home and got out on my own, it meant a lot."



Dianne Watts

Mayor of Surrey

"I would say that I admire her on many levels as she has overcome some very difficult times in her life. She was an only child and lost her mother when she was 2 years old – she was also a single mother – raising two children for many years. I have learned many valuable lessons from her and applied them in my life."



Jason "Deuce" Dussault

Dussault Custom Ink Fashion designer and CEO

"My mom means everything to me. She had me when she was 17 and unfortunately lost her mom, was in a bad relationship and ended up having to support us working at a gas station. But managed to raise three beautiful kids. And now she's a successful business owner. She's the person I look up to most in the world."

Requiem and remembrance for Mother's Day

I get that tortured feeling that there was something I could have done to stop the pain.

The gentle smile, in virulent anguish. Both hers, and mine.

She came here with no fanfare, like other immigrants of her vintage, wrestling hope from

anguish. Hers and mine.

I wondered, and still do, what could possess a man, an upright man, to allow for such angst, such sorrow. Fear gripped me, some time ago, that I had started to become what I loathed. Frustrated by my impotent lot in the province

Those pained, perhaps worst of all, are the ones left hardly standing to bear witness, bleak and beaten.

A day has never passed when I haven't thought of her



It is just utterly absurd, to me, that a heroine be remembered only once a year.

Perhaps you know one too.

"I watched the stars fall silent from your eyes," wrote Michael