

5 Friends at a Mother's Wake

You women made me so proud tonight. My family kept talking about what wonderful women you all are. My sisters, which are a difficult bunch to impress, talked so much about all the warmth that came into that room when you arrived. They couldn't believe I met such a great group of people at the retreat.

I have been pretty down not having a husband to hold my hand through my Mother's death. Both my sisters' husbands have been standing by their sides and I have been standing alone. But I wasn't standing alone tonight for the first time during these horrific past two weeks.

I actually couldn't even grieve tonight after you left because I felt so excited about all of you showing up. You talked so kindly to my father and told everyone how great I am (in front of my sisters, co-workers, bosses, and everybody). No husband in the world would have made me feel so proud and happy to be me. You women have no idea what you gave me tonight. It is a gift I will always cherish. I truly think that God rallied the troops for me tonight - He sent you.

My family even commented on the gift bag you brought me and how incredibly kind and thoughtful it was. That picture of all of us at our weekend - I never thought I would cherish a picture where my rump looked so big!

Thank you so much for making me feel like a "wanted" human being again. I am so incredibly blessed to have you in my life.