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Dearest Tom,

I just thought I'd write to say "Hi". Believe it or not, I've been thinking about you a lot since we had dinner together. I really felt like I had a real father. Don't get me wrong, my dad will always be my dad, but you are my father, and yes, the 'step' part is left out.

I am so proud of you and I would love to follow in your footsteps. It might take me a while and I'm sure I'll never be as successful as you but you have helped me decide

on what I'd like to do with my life!

I am extremely grateful for all that you have done for me. I'm sure I've tried your patience many times. It would have been so easy to give up on me and times it appeared that everyone had, you didn't! Thank you!


My children love you dearly. You are the most wonderful Grandfather! They, and I, have the utmost respect for you.

Thank you for never making me feel ashamed.

of being a young mother, and the situation with Mark calls for a lot of "I told you so's"; I'm sure. Thank you for not saying them.

and, one more thing... Thank you for introducing me as your daughter at the tennis club, parties etc. I know a lot of nice people who know you and give me a lot of respect because you are who you are.

Don't worry I'd never disappoint you when they're concerned. Love Always
Holly Ann



*And now I realize how much
you've brought to the family,
how much you've added to my life--
and I want to say thank you...
for being such a patient,
loving stepparent,
such a very thoughtful,
very special person.*

Dorothy R. Colgan

*Between
You and Me*


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*I'm really glad now Tom
that we're part of the same family,
but you probably know
I wasn't so sure at first.
I guess I was just afraid--
afraid that there wasn't room
for both of us in the same family,
afraid I'd be forgotten
or loved a little less
than before you came along.
But somehow we've managed
to weather all that
and to grow closer, too.*

