We are endlessly grateful for the love, support and encouragement of our mothers. On this Mother's Day we wanted to share a little bit about our mother's with you all!

Jan Lau (Hugh's Mom)

(Hugh) Lau was born in Tyler, Texas during the time his father, RB Lau was working for GE as an Internal Auditor. He is the middle child and according to his Mom, Jan Lau the easiest to raise of the three. Jan was born in Milwaukee though also lived in Philadelphia and Omaha. She met RB Lau in college at UNL and they have been married for 53 years. Jan loves to travel, golf, and spend time at their cabin at Pelican Lake, Minnesota.

Nellie Mach (JoAnn's Mom)

JoAnn (Mach) Kreitman was the 7th child born to Joe & Nellie Mach. Nellie just turned 90 this past February and lives in assisted living in Lincoln. She was born and raised in the Alliance, NE area. After raising her kids in Lincoln, she purchased a retired schoolhouse in Smithwick, South Dakota and lived there for many years. She loves country music, travelling, and Volkswagen automobiles.

MOTHER'S DAY Q & A

How do you feel being a Mom is different today than when your child was being raised?

Jan: *I feel today being a parent would be so much harder. Our society has seemed to evolve where children are easily spoiled or empowered. Parenting is not as community oriented as it once was, and our schools are struggling with more social issues than focusing on education.*

Nellie: *When my kids were being raised there was no school shootings. Also, kids could safely play outside returning home when the streetlights came on. Eating out was rare. We ate our meals as a family for the most part. I only had cloth diapers!!!*

What is a favorite memory of your child?

Jan: *Since this is for Mother's Day, Hugh once sent cash through the mail to get me a Mother's Day gift from something he seen advertised on television. His money got lost in the mail and never received the gift to give me. Hugh was very upset about that though I thought the effort he went through for the gift was a gift itself.*

Nellie: *Her birth. I had 5 sons and 1 daughter already and really wanted one more baby girl. When the doctor announced JoAnn was a girl, my wish really did come true. She became the youngest of our family and I named her after a nurse in the delivery room.*

What has being a Mom taught you?

Jan: *Being a parent has taught me patience, to always take time to think about requests, and a different but great love. It also prepared me to be a Grandmother, another role in life I absolutely love.*

Nellie: *Patience, dedication, to give and take, parental love, and grief. It was the biggest job of my life and proud of my kids and grandchildren.*

We hope you enjoyed this as much as we did! Take a minute to ask the mother in your life about her experiences. You won't regret it!

Sincerely,
Hugh and Jo

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