

SOME OF THE BEST COMPLIMENTS AND POSITIVE MEMORIES WE'VE SEEN FROM MOTHERS

1. Natalie, you are such a good dancer. Did you know that Daddy can dance well too? You should ask him to dance the "Freddie" for you some time. You'll both get a kick out of it. It still makes me howl to see the video we have of him.
2. Eric, Dad thinks so much of you that he's always bragging on you. He keeps all of his friends on the edges of their seats with his "E" stories.
3. Quinn, do you remember how hard Daddy worked to put together your bicycle? Do you remember how long it took him? We all had a good laugh when we found out that the only instructions included were in Japanese. Nobody but Daddy could have done it.
4. It's so best that Dad helps you with your homework. He is so proud of how you're doing in school, and he loves to be part of your success.
5. You have such sparkling eyes—just like Dad's.
6. I love the way Daddy takes time to play with you. Even before we married, I knew that he'd make a great father someday. They've one of the reasons I've always appreciated him.
7. Do you remember that time when Dad duct-taped a flashlight to your tricycle because you wanted a headlight like on his motorcycle? You thought you were so cool riding around the house with the lights turned off and using only your headlight! You two are such a riot to watch.
8. I love how Daddy has dreams and goals for himself. Do you know he went back to school twice to be the best at his work? I don't know anyone else who can spend 20 minutes with the manual and run any computer or program. He really encourages you kids to follow your dreams, too.
9. I've always liked watching you and Dad on Saturday mornings. You used to get a big bowl of Fruit Loops to share and then go to the living room to watch cartoons for hours. But thank goodness you graduated to sports. (Can any two people eat that much Fruit Loops?)
10. I love to watch you and Dad doing one of your projects. Dad can fix anything. That's where you get all of your mechanical ability. (Thank goodness!)

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1. I'll never forget how much you and Mom would laugh when you rode your bicycle around the house with Mom chasing you all the way. "Policewoman Mom" we called her—and (as you know) the name stuck.
2. Mom and I get so excited watching you boys play baseball. You guys are just getting too good. (We all know that you get your athletic talents from Mom.)
3. I love watching Mommy give you one of her big wonderful bear hugs. Doesn't she just make you feel that everything's going to be fine?
4. Wasn't Mom's idea for a Polliwog Pond cool? Wasn't it fun to paint? It came out so great, and we were all so proud of it. With Mom, we'll never run out of great adventures.
5. I'm so proud of each of you with your little gardens. Mom thought you should each have your own space to grow whatever you wanted. We were all so excited when the plants started coming up. Mom taught you a lot about science without you even knowing it. She's as sneaky as she is smart and giving.
6. Mom gets such joy in seeing you both succeed in school. She's at every possible school event. We're your biggest supporters and always will be.
7. Mom and I prayed for a boy for our first child. She was crying she was so happy when you were born. We both thought there could be no more beautiful baby boy in the world than ours. And we still feel that way.
8. I love how Mommy's eyes light up every time she hears you talking about your soccer games. She was a great soccer player too. Really! Don't laugh!
9. Do you remember Mom doing your hair for prom? She worked for hours and when she was done, you looked like a princess. We couldn't believe that the beautiful young woman before us was our little girl.
10. Mom has such a natural talent in the kitchen. At Christmastime you both create such wonderful goodies for everyone. Isn't it great that Mom teaches you all of her secrets?