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Goooooooooooo Morning, Raye...

Happy happy Birthday!!!

Because age doesn't matter, I won't bother asking how old you are now... ***grin*** all I know is that my life has become much richer and more peaceful ever since the day you entered it... I was just telling Jenna last night about those few simple words you spoke to me back in 1987 when I was considering giving her away to an adoptive family... I don't have to tell you how much of an impact you had on my coming days and years, do I?? You know how important you are to me, Raye, but just in case you forgot, I'll tell you again...

You are my Earth Angel... I feel so blessed to have you as my 2nd mother that I sometimes find myself wanting to sit with you just so I can feel your arms wrapped strongly, yet lovingly, around my body and to hear you tell me that you love me... The same way that I have seen you do it with your own children. I know you and I have not always seen eye-to-eye but you have always understood that I needed to make my own choices/mistakes and you have never judged me for the mistakes I have made along the way. You have loved me unconditionally throughout all of my crazy, erratic years and I know you are still on the sidelines watching me grow and evolve. I can sense that you are one of my biggest fans and I want you to know that I have always felt that support and it has, at times, carried me through some of the most difficult experiences I have created for my self.

You are deeply appreciated, Raye. Our convoluted English language makes it very difficult to express exactly how I feel about you and the role you play in my life. Although I may at times be physically at a distance, for obvious reasons, you are always on my mind and I always think about things you would say to me if you had any input into the decisions I make. Your voice resonates with my soul and I try to approach each Life challenge in a peaceful, healthy and loving way. You taught me that, Raye... To accept people for Who They Are and to recognize that even though that person may be choosing destructive, unloving behaviors, that doesn't necessarily mean that they don't love me... Thank you for that, Raye... It has given me the strength to make many of the significant changes that I have made in my life over the past 5 years.

So, on that note, I hope this message finds you happy, healthy and having fun... How old ARE you, by the way?? **grin** **wink**

I love you, Raye...

Gina