

Dear Margaret,

I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I remember the afternoon she taught us to make her lemon cake in your kitchen on Elm Street, and how she laughed when I dropped the flour all over the floor.

She had a way of making everyone feel welcome, and I know how much you will miss her. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

If there is anything I can do — bring dinner over, help with the arrangements, or simply sit with you — please call me at any hour. I am here.

With deepest sympathy,

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[Claire]