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My darling wife,

When we were young we fell in love and dared to join our lives together. You were a beautiful young thing then and your beauty has only grown with time. We had such wonderful dreams for our lives and the important ones have come true.

I’ll never forget the first time I saw you in the 9th grade. For me, it was love at first sight. No other girl could ever draw my attention from your beauty. Your beauty is more than just physical beauty, although you have always been the most beautiful woman to me. But you are beautiful of spirit as well, loving others more than yourself and always reaching out to help those around you.

My love, you are also a woman of great strength that has carried you through all our experiences of life. You were never a wilting flower but rather a strong vine able to weather the greatest of life’s storms. You have been the perfect partner to me, leaning on me when you needed my strength and allowing me to lean on you when I needed your strength. We have had a perfect union, our strengths and weaknesses balancing each other.

So far we have shared 33 wonderful years together and I can only hope that we will share many

more years together. When we were young much of our efforts were spent with hard work to lay the foundation for a good life. Now that we are older we can put our efforts to enjoying the life we built together as well as taking some time to just be together. We can spend more time doing things for the joy of doing it rather than the necessity of doing it.

During those years we have been blessed with four daughters. Each of our daughters is just as strong and beautiful as their mother in her own unique way. My beloved, you are responsible for our daughters growing into the strong and beautiful women they have become. You always made sure that they had a good start to their day with a good, hot breakfast. Not some fast food stuff that some parents offer. You set the perfect example to them for how to grow into beautiful, intelligent and strong women. I am proud of you as their mother and each of them as our children.

And, now, we are blessed to have a granddaughter. She is already showing herself to share the beauty and strength of her mother, her aunts and her grandmother. She truly has her grandfather wrapped around her little finger. If all our grandchildren turn out as she has then we will be blessed beyond measure.

My darling, I want you to know how much I love you, even after all these years. You are more than a man could ask for in a wife. I love you more today than I did when we met. I love you more today than yesterday and I will love you more tomorrow than I do today.

All my love,