MOM'S 75TH BIRTHDAY SPEECH - VERY, VERY ROUGH INITIAL DRAFT

I am so pleased to be able to stand here in front of our family and friends in celebration of my Mothers 75th birthday.

It is with great pleasure that I stand before you tonight in celebration of my Mothers 75th birthday.

As most of you may know, my Mom gave many of us specific jobs to do to prepare for this party and mine was to do a short toast.

If 50 is the new 30, then 75 is the new 50. So Mom, as of tonight we will all think of you as being only 50. That works for me except that would make you younger than all three of your sons!

Seriously though, my Mom has always been young at heart. She never stops, never takes a break and never even naps in the middle of the afternoon. She has weekly dinners for a huge crowd of people every Monday night, goes to the gym several days a week, loves to travel and always manages to run circles around everyone that knows her.

Mom's loyalty to her family has no bounds. She is the best cheerleader that I know. A champion for everyone who is lucky enough to be close to her. Always optimistic and available for all of us when the chips are down.

Mom has not always had an easy life but her absolute strength and resilience