My Aunt Mike has been a blessing in my life. My **Aunt Mike** is the last living relative from my Mother’s side of the family. She has been such a gift to me. While my mother was still alive, she encouraged me to keep an open relationship with her sister. Although, I found myself very busy, from time to time, I kept in contact with my **Aunt Mike**.

My mother is no longer with us now. I understand the significance for her suggestion to me. By developing a lasting relationship with my **Aunt Mike**; I also have the privilege to glimpse a part of my mother by my aunt’s daily practices.

Once again, I see the effects of giving and the results of receiving. My mother’s confidence in me to start a lasting relationship with her sister has come into fruition and I have been rewarded.

Not only have I laughed a little more because of **Aunt Mike’s** humor, but I am also learning more on the power of love. She has shown me, her acceptance of others in her life and she loves us all, in spite of our faults.

In her way of thinking, she says, “**when you’ve done all that you know how to do, just keep on standing strong. Keep praying, keep believing and keep singing songs of praise. Keep fighting the good fight and if you do that, God promises to bring you out as a winner”.**

**MY Aunt Mike** has been a blessing in my life and I have been a benefactor of hers.

I love my **Aunt Mike** and I am so glad that I am getting to know her even better. Her encouragements remind me of my dear mother’s words of inspiration. May God bless us all and especially, my **Aunt Mike**. She is the last one standing and we are encouraged by her.

Blessed Sister to Mrs. Barbara F. Bivens/Mills/Williams Departed: 8/1/2011 TQB