



*“When we have each other, we have everything.”*

Anonymous

True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but  
never in heart.

Unknown

# Ali Rice

What do you love or appreciate about Amy?

Amy has such a gentle and kind soul. She cares so much about the people around her, and is able to express that care in authentic and meaningful ways. Whenever I see Amy I always feel like she genuinely wants to know how I've been doing and listens with an open ear and generous heart. Amy is the type of person I want to be 'when I grow up' - even though I am almost 30 :)

Share a favorite and/or meaningful memory you have of/with Amy

I had so much fun helping to plan Amy & Sara's birthday party this year and celebrating them!

Getting to see so many people coming together to share their joy and love for Amy & Sara was so special!

What is a wish or hope you have for Amy?

My wish for Amy is that she may enjoy her next steps in life, whatever they may be! That she can receive the type of love and care that she offers. And that she can have rest and rejuvenation. That all she has given to others will return to her tenfold.



The greatest gift you can give someone is your time,  
because when you give your time, you are giving a  
portion of your life that you will never get back.

Rick Warren

# Arden

Dear Amy,

Congratulations on your 'retirement'! Retirement in quotes as I know you'll be moving on to many new challenges and opportunities. I know I won't be the only one to say that you've EARNED it. Your service to others, including me, has been amazing to behold all these years.

You are the most awesome sister possible. I've \*always\* felt safe being open with you about anything on my mind. I treasure our conversations and visits, and during the times in between, it's been a comfort knowing you're always there if I feel like reaching out.

Thank you, Boots, and get some rest for a bit!

Love,

Arden



# Azola

Mama Amy

I just want to thank you for being who you and for listening to what I have to say always being available to chat I really appreciate that and the best memory I have about you is the book you almost read a thousand times me saying again and again I thank you for that I wish you all the best in whatever will bring you joy and yah all the best

From Azola

Other things may change us, but we start and end with  
the family.

Anthony Brandt

# Danny

Dear Mom,

Happy retirement!

I hope this new chapter brings excitement, novelty and relaxation for you, Mom. I admire your career in teaching for its longevity! I think that is rare now-a-days and is something to be cherished and celebrated. Cheers to you!

Wanted to also say how meaningful it's been for me to help bring this book together for you. So many of your friends and family have such positive things to say – though I am not surprised, as your son, it's very meaningful to me to read.

I love you so much! Through our hard times and great times you've been there, a true rock.

All the best to you and your future pursuits. Woo!!!

Love you tons,

Danny



# Eliza

Amy,

Congratulations on your retirement! 30 years of your life dedicated to education is quite an accomplishment. I know you have impacted many people through your work, and also through your volunteer and personal endeavors.

My wish for you is that you have happiness and excitement entering your next chapter. I look forward to the times we have together ahead of us. Love you!

-Eliza

The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

Eva Burrows

# Laura

Wow this is hard because I just don't have the words to convey how much Amy and my lifelong relationship with her means to me. Everyone who knows me well knows how important Amy is to me. Technically we are cousins, also classmates and neighbors, but in my heart we are sisters - we have shared a lifetime of memories and I just simply love her as much as I have loved anyone. I'm sure lots of people will write about her compassion, her humanity, her generosity, her intelligence, her insight, her unflappability, her honesty, her fortitude, her beauty. And deservedly so. But can I just also add that literally no one in the world can make me laugh - actually snort out loud- like Amy can? When I think of her, which is often, I always smile - even in the toughest of times - and maybe also the most inappropriate of times - we can laugh out loud together. If everyone in the world could just be a teeny tiny little bit more like Amy, not only would the world be a far, far better place, but also a much, much funnier one! Xoxo Laura



In time of test, family is best.

Burmese Proverb

# Paul

Boots,

What a milestone…the end of a career of incredible caring and support for your students, and a well deserved start of something new and fresh.

When I think back to my high school years, I have no trouble remembering those teachers who brought a special mix of dedication, commitment to students along with just the right amount of friendship and humor. I have no doubt you will stand as one of those teachers for the decades of students you've taught. They know how lucky they were to have had you.

Can't wait to see what lies ahead for you. Congratulations on a wonderful career doing important and wonderful work. From here, it's all a bonus. :-)

Love ya,

Paul

