

A mother's wisdom

I have always worn my children's birthstones around my neck. One morning, when I was late for work, my infant son Larry's topaz birthstone fell from my gold chain. I frantically searched for it, whispering to myself, "I lost my Larry, but I will get him back."

That day, Larry's cardiologist called with test results from one of his first checkups. He would need emergency heart surgery. Happily, the operation was a success, and I whispered in Larry's ear, "I thought I lost you, but I knew I'd get you back."