

Dear Daddy,

I know that you know I love you. But I don't know if you know why; so, I'm going to tell you.

I love you because:

- You love our mother
- You provided the seed that produced me and Judy and Charlie and Mary and you love us
- You helped make the home that nurtured us
- You provided part of the energy that kept it going
- You always worked hard to make things better for us
- You never stopped kissing and hugging me and saying "I love you".
- You gave advice when asked, but graciously allowed me to make my own mistakes
- You have loved me through all the good times
- You have loved me through all the bad times
- You have admitted fear but have never been afraid to face it
- You have not been able to hide your compassionate nature even when you're gruff
- You have drawn your strength from us
- You love Jim and Johnnie and Renee and Rob
- You love Jon, Adam, Nathan, Lee, David, Curtis, Jacob, Ana and Zach
- You notice when your family needs help
- You accept all of us for what we are and love us anyway
- You are good to Little Kitty
- You always let us have dogs and in the house even when they were dirty
- You cry at sad things
- You laugh at happy things
- You are always up for an adventure
- You love trips
- You rode half the night to Wagga Wagga
- You have a sweet smile and your eyes light up when you are amused
- You accept help when you need it and you give help when it is needed
- You have 20/25 vision
- You climb mountains and play in lakes and move wood piles
- You sit on the deck and look at the mountains
- You get up early and greet each new day with eagerness
- You can't wait to pack the car when you're going on a trip
- You go to bed early
- You don't care much for TV, but the History Channel will do
- You are the best daddy a daughter ever had. I will be grateful everyday of my life that you are my father.

I LOVE YOU, DADDY

Lynn 7/28/99

