

## For My Mother – Here In Spirit

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Mom,  
Today is one of the happiest days of my life  
But I worried that it would not feel complete  
Without you here to share it with  
But now I *know* you are here

You are here in spirit  
In everyone's memories  
In our laughter  
In our happy tears

You are in the sweet smell of the roses  
In the light of the candles  
In my own bright smile

I felt your presence this morning  
In the wedding day routines  
In the anticipation of the day ahead

And now I am here marrying my soul mate  
Because of what you taught me  
To be kind  
To be honest  
To open my heart to love

You are here in your own way  
In the sunshine  
In the excitement  
In *absolutely everything*

Thank you, Mom, for being with us all  
And for celebrating with me  
This next journey in my life.

I love you.