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By **MONET LU**

Life lessons from my mother

WHENEVER MOTHER'S DAY comes along, I get very sentimental just remembering *nanay*. I lost her over five years ago. I still feel the void in my heart of not having her around anymore.

mother talked to me when I was their age.
I'm gratified to know I have retained the lessons that she tried so hard to instill in me.
Nanay was fond of reciting quotations or *mga kasabihan*. Of course at that time, I really didn't fully understand what she really meant.
What I remember most were her wisdom about gratitude and work ethic.
One of *nanay's* favorites was: *Ang hindi lumingon sa pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroonan*. In English this translates to: He who does not look back at where he came from will not reach his destination.
She often emphasized the need for us to remain humble and never forget the people who helped us along the way. When I opened my very first salon, she was there to remind me that I should always offer thanks to those who made my dream possible, especially my sisters who paid for my tuition so I can study styling and design.
Nanay also challenged me to be more mindful and conscientious about work and money. She would always say to me: *Para kang kalabasa, gapang ng gapang naiiwan naman ang bunga*. Loosely translated, I think she meant that I often worked myself to the ground but I never saw the fruits of my labor.
Nanay's constant prodding helped me to take more responsibility in my fiscal affairs. Thanks to her, I'm still learning.
What I've generally learned from the quotes *nanay* used to say is that there are some lessons we don't understand until we are ready to digest what they really mean for our self-improvement.
Over five years after her death, *nanay* continues to teach me lessons from the words of wisdom she left behind.
I'm glad I can be here to repeat these words to my nieces, nephews and grandchildren so they can get piece of motherly advice from their great lola Catalina Lu.
This Mother's Day, I hope children all over the world give due credit to their



mothers who have sacrificed a lot for their benefit.
Mothers have an incredible job. Theirs is a 24-7 duty with no day off or sick days. They make sure we are fed, clothed, and comfortable. They nurture us into loving and caring human beings. All they want in exchange is for us to be happy.
Mothers, you are the real heroes! You deserve a medal even if you never ask for it. *Kayo talaga ang ilaw ng tahanan. Mabuhay ang ating mga nanay!*
Let's show our mothers how much we appreciate them not just on Mother's Day but everyday.

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The Los Angeles Regional Census Center is actively recruiting managers for 27 Local Census Offices. 26 will be located in Southern California, and one in Honolulu, Hawaii. With the exception of the U.S. military, the nationwide recruiting effort for the decennial census is the largest peace time hiring of temporary federal employees.

In the fall of 2009, these 27 Local Census Offices will open to direct Field Operations for the region's population count on Census Day, April 1, 2010. These offices will be located in strategic areas of southern California and on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Managers' salaries range from \$19.25 to \$29.00 per hour depending on location and position.

The current focus and priority is on recruiting and testing to fill six key management positions for each Local Census Office before the openings in the Fall, 2009. The positions are: Local Census Office Manager, Assistant Manager for Field Operations, Assistant Manager for Administration, Assistant Manager for Recruiting, Assistant Manager for Quality Assurance, and Assistant Manager for Technology.

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New offices will open in the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Fresno, Santa Barbara, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

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