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Subject: RE: Bereavement - Please Read and Post
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My mother Rose Foster passed away this morning at 5:55am and while it is a tremendous loss to me and my family, the Bereavement Notice does not say how much of a loss it truly is to the many others in our business who's lives Mom has touched over the more than 20 years she has been an AWL customer. More than that, her life was touched by AWL and too many people to mention and for that I am grateful more than you know.

As a homemaker Mom's outings to the Superstore gave her the chance to get to know, carry on and become friends with many people at our stores over the years. With our company operations there is not one store in metro Halifax I can think of where she didn't know someone at some level. To some who may not remember her she was one of their "regulars" who she would seek out just to say "hi" and to others she was someone who she made smile on a bad day at work and to others, she was someone who they truly became friends with. For those who knew her really well, they usually called her "Steve's Mom" or just Mom.

AWL/LCL also touched Mom personally and she always had great pride for all that the company meant to her for her family who work there ;

Her son Mike works as GM Manager at Spryfield, Her daughter in law Joanne works in Fresh to Go at Portland Street, her grandson Ryan works in Produce at Braemar and of course the pride she had in me in my career with AWL.

She never had any bad thoughts or anything negative to say about this company nor any of its people. Also through the years the company has shown great personal support to her in many ways. When my uncle John, her brother, died also of cancer she was overwhelmed when assistant manager (now Specialist) Shaun Campbell made arrangements to have flowers sent to her on behalf of the staff at the Portland Street store. When my niece was found to have diabetes and my brothers family unable to afford the pump that makes her life easier to live Mom was overcome by the generosity of the company for the financial contribution they made to the cause. Another time when we were out shopping Executive VP at the time Mark Butler simply smiled and said "Hi Steve" to me and hello to her in passing and just that small acknowledgement gave her the proudest look and widest smile I've ever seen. I could write a book on seemingly insignificant things that meant the world to her all because of our company and its people.

Even more above and beyond all that, she was often an ambassador for the company when shopping by promoting both our stores and our products. I lost count of how many times she was asked something by another customer where she recommended a PC product to them. She was amazing.

In the last three months of her life even though there were things about my situation that she did not understand and that I was not able to provide her an answer for, she always maintained her love and devotion for the people we all work with and for the company who's value doesn't just mean money.

At this point in time at her passing it is essential for you and everyone else to know the true loss that comes from her death. I may not have said it well or I may have rambled on but one thing is without doubt or question ; AWL/LCL and the people who make up the company helped make Mom's life full and happy from the first day she shopped at the Portland Street many years ago to the last time she was out at the Braemar store several weeks ago.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you have always done for my mother. The world truly has lost it's greatest treasure.

Stephen Foster

From: Kasia Boinski (AWL)
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We extend our sympathies to Steve Foster and his family, on the passing of his mother this morning.

Further details will follow...

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