

Dear Casey,

As your mom and dad, we want to take this opportunity to communicate to you what a blessing you are to our family. Blessing takes on many meanings, but the one that we want to convey today involves a special way we want to picture your future. As your parents we cannot predict your future, but we can encourage and help you set meaningful goals. The gifts and character you possess right now are ones that God can use in the future.

Casey, you possess a great sense of humor (something your mom would like to have; I guess you got that from your dad). Watching you sing in church has touched our hearts in that you sing from the bottom of your heart. Dad is so proud that his eyes fill with tears. You have always wanted to emulate your brother, which says so much about the relationship between you and Ian. The way you handle responsibility has also given us something to smile about. Your friends from Louisiana still remember you and they keep in touch. You are loyal to your friends and loyalty is golden in relationships.

Your sensitivity to others' feelings, your beautiful smile, your special love that you have for your brother, Ian, and your submissiveness to God's leading in your life are all gifts you have been blessed with that have produced such Godly character in you. God has gone to great lengths to save you and assure you of your present relationship with Him. As His child, He has great blessings in store for you in the future. You can continue to grow in confidence as you serve God and others.

Physically, you may not have all that you would have wanted, but you never let it stop your determination and drive to excel. Excel, you did and continue today. We enjoyed watching and sharing your accomplishments. We will stand by you and love you. Always feel free to come to us. Nothing you do will ever cause us to stop loving you.

Casey, we want to give you our blessing as you are about to embark on a new adventure of the rest of your life. It is from Psalm 103:1-5.

May you bless the LORD all the days of your life.
With all that is within you, may you bless His holy name.
May you never forget the benefits of Him who
forgives your sins, heals your diseases
and redeems your life from destruction.
May the LORD satisfy your years with good things
and crown your life with loving kindness and
tender mercies forever. Amen!

We love you,

Mom and Dad