**Mentor Thank You Letter**

Dear Gary,

As you know I am taking a class called Mentoring and Leadership. One of the first assignments was to write a thank you letter a mentor. Although I have had several excellent mentors throughout my life, I am taking this opportunity to thank you for not only being the most wonderful husband and friend, but for being an excellent mentor.

I gave this task a great deal of thought before arriving at my decision. I wanted to make sure that my bias was not going to skew my selection of a mentor. Recalling the various pastors, teachers, master artists, drama coaches, employers and especially my parents and older sister, was quite an emotional process for me. But I have chosen you, over all the others, for the following reasons.

You have always been there for me providing moral support, God-given wisdom and the patience of a saint. Sometimes you said nothing and only listened, other times you spoke the exact words that I needed to hear at the right moment. How well you know me! I am ever grateful for the knowledge you have so gracefully shared throughout our twenty-eight years together. The tenderness with which you imparted your advice has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for being truthful even when it hurt. Thank you for the encouragement when I needed it the most. Thank you for the praise when it was not deserved. Thank you for the reality checks when my pride got in the way. And most of all, thank you for believing in me.

I wanted you to know, my love, that I have the utmost respect for you. You have been, and continue to be, an excellent role model to me and to our children.

Your loving wife,

Kathleen