

Special Necklace

Told and illustrated by Madison, 7 yrs old

This is a special necklace we bought for Mummy. It's silver and has seven words on it. She liked purple best but mostly wore silver jewellery. Me and Mumma bought it for her for Mother's Day when I was 5 or 6 years old.

The necklace has 7 words on it. They are special important words: Happiness, Wealth, Good Health, Good Feelings, Love, Long Life and Peace.

Happiness means not always being alone, or having something fun that you like to do. Mummy liked making headbands for me.

WEALTH is something that you have a lot of . . . something that's really precious, like family.

Good Health means you're healthy and not very sick.

Good Feelings means no one is being rude to you and you aren't being rude to yourself.

Love is that everyone in your family and close friends respect you and what your choices are. *Love* is being friends. Mum had me, her mum, her step dad, her dad, Jodie, Mumma and everyone else close to her.

Long Life is if you live for a long time . . .

PEACE means you're' happy how you are, and you are treated nicely, and you believe in yourself.

Mummy wore the necklace a lot of the time. I can play with it in different ways. I can swing it, wrap it around my fingers and put it on my wrist. I really like playing with it. I keep it my little special boxes. At special times I get it out. Sometimes I wear it, like if I'm going to a special place. When I hold it I remember Mummy and what we liked to do together: making shrink necklaces and headbands and cooking together.

