When I look at my three daughters I like the people they have grown into. I have seen them at their best and worst, and they know they can be who they want to be around me.

My relationship with my daughters is different than the relationship I had with my mother. We are much more open and can talk about anything.

It's good to spend time with your mother. Your mother knows what you're going through because she went through the same things when she was a girl. If things happen you should tell your mom because she knows what to do.
a mothers and daughters' family album

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Eva and Michelle
Back home in Guatemala we were afraid to ask our mother questions, especially about things like sex. With my daughter we can talk about anything. I think that is important.

Ganga and Aishwarya
It will be different for Aishwarya growing up in Canada instead of India. She will have a different way of thinking. My daughter will question me about why she has to do certain things. She is more aware of issues than I was.

Vanessa, Rosalind, and Betty
My mother is the foundation of our family. We all look to her for stability and guidance and treasure her unconditional love.
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