



SIBYL HUGHES

Sibyl Hughes was my inspirational mother, and because she was so pivotal to me becoming a court reporter, I wanted to honor her.

Sibyl was a devoted mother and military wife. She gave her all to us and was the rock of our family. Throughout my childhood she would tell my brothers and me that we could do whatever we put our minds to, and that continued in full force once I moved to Dallas and started court reporting school.

From the time I told my parents I wanted to go to court reporting school, my mother was my biggest supporter. Once I chose to attend the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas, she jumped in to help me get settled into my apartment and to navigate Dallas (moving from Nebraska).

As we all know, court reporting school can be difficult and frustrating. Each week my mother would call me to check on my progress and remind me that I could do it. She would celebrate with me when I would pass a speed level, and she would talk me off the ledge, so to speak, when I was stuck and would say that I just didn't think I could do it. Even when she was weak and bedridden from her advancing breast cancer, she never failed to be my constant encourager.

Sadly, my mother passed away before I became a practicing court reporter, but I know she would be so proud of me that I stuck with it and am flourishing in my career. Whenever I have a challenge ahead of me, I think of her unending confidence in me, and that helps me to refocus on my goals.

I was so blessed to have had Sibyl as my mother, and honoring her memory through the VCRF Cardinal in Memoriam program is one small way to acknowledge that I wouldn't be where I am today without her love and support.

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