

*I thought I had felt the worst I could, when I wrote the poem I'll
end with here..."Selfish Tears"...to eulogize my beloved mother back in
'89; I was wrong...*

*Today I feel...again...the need...
a need for "Selfish Tears"!
But more tempered, this time,
by having shared an extra 18 years!*

*My mom was gone so young...
so much left we'd yet to do...
While my whole life's been full of this wonderful man
I'm here to hold up to you!*

*Hold him up for all the good
that was inherent in his way...
The loving, caring style he had
for greeting...living...every single day!*

*His life was not so bountiful...
on a scale of one-to-ten!
But, with things harder to measure,
he was blessed more than most men!*

*Two loving and beloved wives...
true love's fortune found him twice...
And after 37 years of only 2 sons,
4 new daughters was also nice!*

*He commanded respect from everyone...
no matter where he went...
With a steady, good-tempered manner...
and a pouch full of smiles well spent!*

*A dependable friend you could count on,
no matter the cost or task...
If he was able to help at all,
you'd need do no more than just ask!*

*And, when it came time to celebrate,
you could bet he'd be there for that, too...
He was blessed with a heart that left you no doubt
how happy he was for YOU!*

*So I'm sure he's earned some special wings,
the way he's lived his years...
But I have to be honest, no matter all this,
I will still cry my "Selfish Tears":*

SELFISH TEARS

(I eulogize my beloved mother - March, 1989)

*Today we cry...must admit they're selfish tears.
You see...our faith assures your journey's done.
But it's not for you we mourn, at all, my dear;
It's for those of us you've left behind...alone!!!*

*We share your joy...share your happiness at rest,
Your painful fears now for forever stilled.
You've fought the good fight, passed the final test,
But you've left behind a hole that can't be filled!!!*

*So, until we each rejoin you some someday,
And, while your memory buoys us through those years,
We'll miss you...but continue on our way,
And, from time to time, we'll cry our selfish tears!!!*

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