

## "A thank you to Mona"

Thank you for being my best friend and biggest confidant for the better part of the last 26 years. Thank you for teaching me to have confidence, to truly stand for what I believe is right, to be stubborn when needed, to have a bit of an attitude and to reach for perfection when appropriate. Thank you for teaching my to sit when things got bumpy and to enjoy the ride when life flew by quickly.

Thank you for being kind and gentle when it was needed most and for pushing me when I was almost at my goal. Thank you for being stubborn and demanding perfection.

But most of all, thank you for bringing the wonderful memories of laughter and surprise to the end of a long day at the barn when Christine and you would have foot races to the top of the rink. Or when I fractured my leg and you came to "visit" (sorry mom - I know 14 horses running around your gardens wasn't exactly what you wanted).

Or when we won reserve champion and champion in gymkana, beating the professionally trained barrel horse, all while bareback.

You always were, and will always be, the best pony a girl could wish for. I wish for you nothing but peace, comfort, and an endless supply of peppermints and gingerbread.

-Sunni