

With five children in the home and a full time working mother, things were hectic most or all of the time.

"Mama" would be working in the kitchen and listening to us. On occasion, if she heard something she disapproved of she would interrupt.

Her words to us were, "If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything at all."

We lost her in 1994 at almost 87 years of age. Many of the things she said are still with me. There is not a day I don't think of her.

— Teresa Beirne Reidy, Elmira