**The Love You Have**

**The one thing I admire about you is your**

**positive thinking. It's such a joy to see you in action.**

**And being that I am positive as well, I know it isn't always**

**an easy task especially when one gets negative reactions.**

**You are true to yourself. You don't let others**

**influence your decisions although they indeed try.**

**You respectfully listen and come up with your**

**own conclusions, sometimes you even comply.**

**And when you do, it's because you have**

**weighed the pros and cons before deciding.**

**I can always tell when you are struggling because**

**that sparkle I often see, slowly declining.**

**Because I love my children, I watch and observe**

**all that I see and then jump into prayer mode.**

**Because you are all adults, I respectfully stand on the**

**sideline, when I see a burden becoming a heavy load.**

**Irene, you are not only getting older**

**but you are getting a little wiser too.**

**You know that God didn't promise us a rose**

**garden. Sometimes one will find a thorn or two.**

**But you see the beauty that stands before**

**you and appreciate the rose in itself.**

**And you treasure every petal as you cultivate your**

**own garden knowing God is always close by to help.**

**You are one of my roses and God did good with**

**how you have blossom into the person that you are.**

**Happy Birthday, who's to say what's to come. But I**

 **know the love you have, right now, will take you far.**

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