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Allie Nicholson

The audience fell silent as she wrapped her arms around her cheerleading coaches, a support team like no other. During the embrace, the crowd erupted into a standing ovation, in awe of senior Allie Nicholson whose emotions escalated as she felt the heavy presence of her mother who passed just days before Nicholson competing. “My emotions were running very high when I hugged my coaches after our first competition after she passed. I have never had that feeling before and it was amazing. I will never forget the feeling of her presence in the gym that day,” Nicholson said.

Through cheerleading, Nicholson created an unbreakable bond with her mother, Bobbie Nicholson, a devout mother and supporter of the cheerleading team since Nicholson was young. “My mom had a diehard passion for cheerleading. We grew a very close bond when it came to cheerleading. Whether it was coming to all my practice or traveling more than half of the year every weekend to take me to my competitions. It was her favorite thing to watch and I will always treasure that,” Nicholson said.

As news traveled of Nicholson’s mother’s illness, the team gathered to assure that everything they did would reflect the impact that Bobbie had on their lives. “Team Bobbie came from my cheerleading coach two years ago. He had just recently moved to Greenville and met my mother and was very impacted by her, so he decided that our team was going to dedicate everything we did to Team Bobbie. It makes me very happy when I see people wearing Team Bobbie shirts and I feel very appreciative that people cared for her so much,” Nicholson said.

The amount of encouragement Nicholson received through her experience made her thankful for the priceless support she treasured. “This journey has definitely made me appreciate life more and take nothing for granted. It has made me want to reach out to my friends and family and thank them for loving my mom so dearly,” Nicholson said.

The passing of time made Nicholson realize how her life would forever be different. “Time does not heal. I will never heal from this. I have learned to cope and live with it. My life will never be the same,” Nicholson said.

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