

The background is a soft watercolor wash in shades of light blue, teal, and pale yellow. Scattered throughout are delicate illustrations of butterflies in various poses and colors, including light blue, teal, and pale yellow. There are also faint, sketchy outlines of flowers and stems, some resembling daisies or similar wildflowers. The overall effect is gentle and dreamy.

I'm sure every mother wants
her daughter to have
a happy life,
with good things continually
happening to her.

But I want something more for you,
something better,
something that can never
be taken away.

My birthday wish for you
is that you'll always be able
to create your own happiness...
that you'll find childlike joy
in the most ordinary things...
that you'll see a glimmer of light
behind the darkest cloud
and a rainbow
in the smallest
mud puddle.

Happy 40th Birthday!

3-25-01

Dear Linda,

My deep, loving birthday wish for you
is that you'll keep being
the wonderful person you are--
someone who knows how to stop
and see the wonder everywhere.

Cheryl Hawkinson

With love,
Mom



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