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You didn't think that a birthday car and some CD's would substitute for a letter? Oh, you were hoping I'm sure...sorry to disappoint but I wrote your brothers and had to peck-away at few more keys if just to tell you once again:

**HAPPY 14<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ABIGAIL (ABBY)**

Ok, I think I have it "out of my system" but I still have to type and these keys seem to be working on their own, telling me to tell you that...

All of us think about you often and wonder how that young lady of 14 is doing: Who are your favorite authors, books, magazines, journals, etc?  
What are favorite musicians, artists, songs, music, etc?  
When do you have to go the dentist and...ah, never mind...?  
Where do you spend your free time - do you still like to read a lot?  
How much do you know that we still love you and think about that little "BROWN" haired, brown-eyed, girl with name abbreviated "Abby"?

Questions, questions, and more questions...yet few answers that describe to me how much you have grown and matured from a determined 9 year-old who loved horses, to the teen that will turn 14 in just two days. I have a mission and purpose to find answers to the questions of my children, to tend their cares, and to support them in the endeavors - it is my duty and my desire which has always and will always be...it will never change for anyone or anything no matter who said what or what was said about who knows who.

Abby, I know that you {and the others} have been hurt emotionally, deeply, and regrettably. If I knew how, I would personally beg your forgiveness for such hurt and seek to make amends if that were possible. In simple terms, I am sorry, and I still love you as I always have and always will - an unconditional love that transpires all time - all conditions and limitations.

Near my place is a stable of ponies - each time I pass this place, I think of you and your insatiable appetite for horses and horse stuff. I picture you on one of these ponies, riding high and proud as I watch riding high and proud on knowing that God has blessed with such a child as Abby.