

What Scrapbooking Means to Me - by Amy Lynch ©2008

Simply put, **EXPRESSION!** It allows me to express my feelings of love, joy, friendship, happiness, creativity, inspiration and contentment.

The *love* for my family brings the desire to share our memories through my love of scrapbooking.

The *joy* that is felt when people see the creations I make for them and the legacy I help them leave through their memories.

The *friendships* I cherish and the ability to capture just a glimpse of that through photos.

The *happiness* of enjoying my "Happy Place", which is in my scrapbooking room; a place of organization (except when I whirlwind through a project -LOL!), creativity, peacefulness and fun, fun stuff!

Creativity: Where do I start? It is so crazy where I can get my creativity pumped up! From passing somebody on the street that has the coolest shirt pattern (don't laugh, you know you do it!) to metal washers in a hardware store - it is all around us. I love coming up with special ideas to capture that beautiful angel face of our precious granddaughter and all the boy lifestyles of our grandsons (all 8 of them!). Creativity equals - My Wishblade! I love being able to draw whatever is in my head and cut it out. Talk about maximum flexibility. I have had it for 4 years and it is STILL my favorite tool.

The hope I have in *inspiring* those around me, even if just a little, to make time for what is important.

And finally, the constant prayer & desire to daily learn to be *content* in all things like:

- 📖 My wonderful husband (this one is easy);



- 📖 My grown children who I love so much but whose lives are so full that we don't get together as much anymore;
- 📖 My scrapbook room not being big enough;
- 📖 Having so much stuff, yet strangely enough still not having the right color paper or embellishment at that pivotal creative moment (usually WAY before a store opens or minutes after they close);
- 📖 Not seeing some of our grandchildren except in pictures;
- 📖 At times, having more month than money;
- 📖 So much to scrap, so little time;
- 📖 Yes, a scrapbook page does not always have to be inked (okay now I'm pushing it and just being silly!);
- 📖 And through all this, understanding God's plan and knowing despite my efforts to mess it up, His plan is always on time and always better!



Thank you for letting me share....

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